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October Is A Month For Pumpkins



BOB CECCHI of E. Cecchi Farms on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, still has a great selection of pumpkins for Halloween. The popular farm stand is closing for the season on Sunday, October 16th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Conte Receives OK To Remain AHS Coach

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Known as a local sports legend, the man considered by colleagues, athletes, and fans to be one of the finest coaches ever to have worked at Agawam High may be back courtside this season.

At the October 11th School Committee meeting, Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder reversed an earlier decision barring Middle School Assistant Principal Louis E. Conte from continuing to coach varsity sports at Agawam High School.

Until his appointment in September to an administrative post at the Middle School, Conte had been a physical education teacher at the school and had been coaching boys' varsity baseball and girls' varsity basketball.

According to Ryder, the past practices of the school system required that Conte give up coaching when he accepted an administrative position, and Conte took the job under those conditions.

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Walking Tour Of Casino Site Conducted

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

On a walking tour of the site proposed for a riverboat casino and hotel complex at Riverside Park, Edward Carroll, Jr. said he absolutely favors strong restrictions be placed on gambling if Governor William Weld's agreement to allow the Wampanoag Indians to operate a casino in New Bedford and the placement of an unrelated casino in Hampden County is approved by the State Legislature.

On Monday, October 10th, members of the Citizen's Committee on Casino Gambling toured the site at the park's picnic grove that could be home to the \$100 million entertainment destination being proposed by Riverside owner Carroll and his partners, Lady Luck Gaming Corporation of Las Vegas.

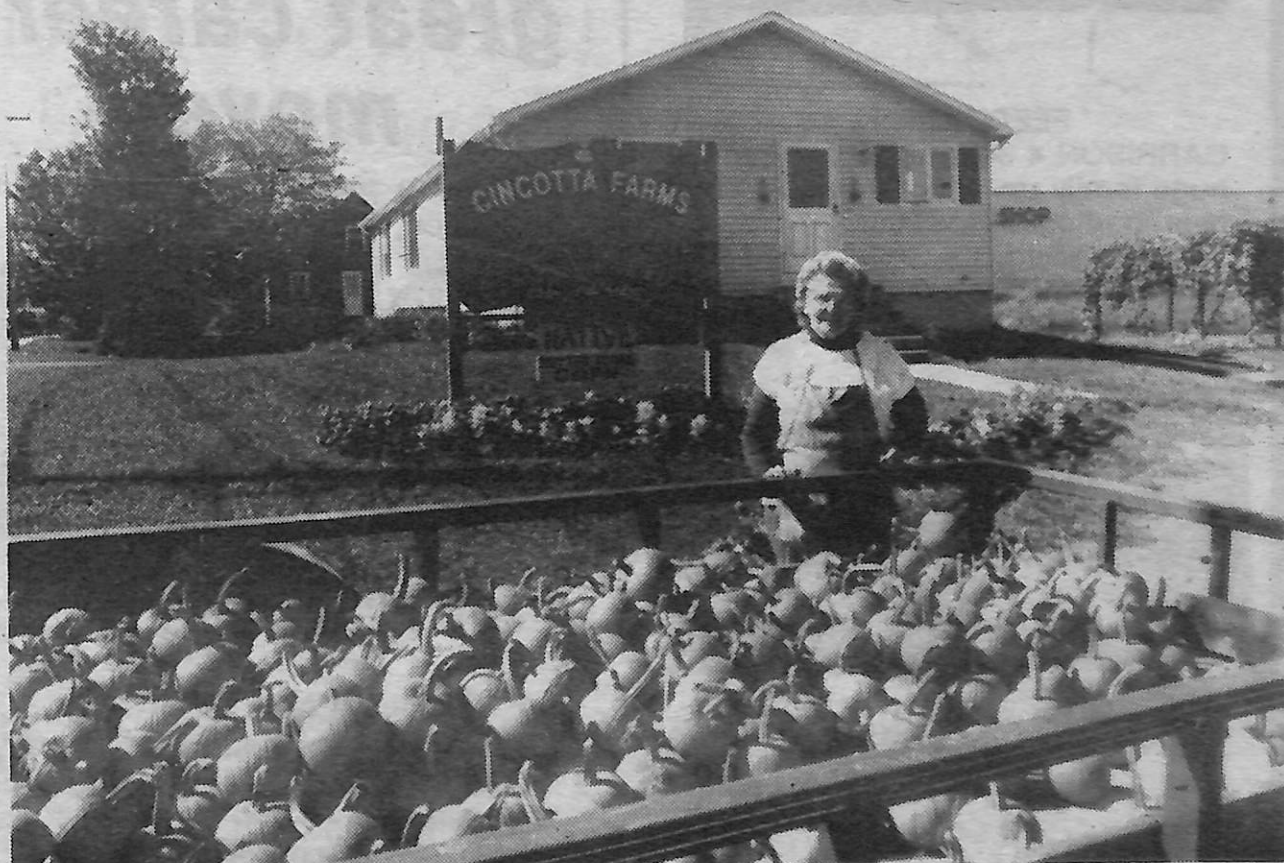
Voters in Springfield and Agawam will decide in a non-binding referendum on November 8th whether or not casino gambling should be allowed in their city.

Carroll said, "We think the economic benefits to the town are huge. If we pass it by this time, it's gone forever."

Carroll said a casino/resort at Riverside would generate between \$5 million and \$7 million in new tax revenue for Agawam each year.

SEE CASINO SITE - Page 2...

Pumpkins, Pumpkins Everywhere!!!



LAURA CINCOTTA, owner and operator of Cincotta Farms on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, has a wagon full of pumpkins looking for a home during the Halloween season. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

CASINO SITE TOUR - from Page 1...**Theme Park Presents Unfair Competition**

Carroll said he's facing unfair competition from a \$100 million theme park being built by the Pequot Indians (adjacent to their casino in Ledyard, CT) which will draw off about 25 percent of Riverside's business.

The casino and theme park planned for New Bedford will drain off a further 25 percent of Riverside's customers, and if a casino and entertainment center is built in Springfield, Carroll said, "Pretty soon, we won't have any business left to save."

Carroll told the committee members it would take about three years, depending on the legislature's approval of the concept of casino gambling in Hampden County, before his proposed resort could be built. Carroll said the entire region would benefit from having a tourist destination at Riverside (drawing customers for area golf courses, shopping malls, and attractions like the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield).

In response to committee member Barbara Skolnick's question concerning newspaper stories about children left to fend for themselves sometimes into the early morning hours while their parents gambled, Carroll said he was working on several ideas, including using beepers so that children could contact their parents. Carroll said a security guard would probably be sent into the casino to find parents.

Carroll said lost kids are never a problem at Riverside. "We always tell parents and children they have to come out, event at the end of the night," Carroll said.

Carroll said the location of the casino, in the secluded grove section of the park, would help maintain security. Cars entering the property would pass through a security station and metal detectors would screen patrons entering the resort complex, just as patrons and employees at Riverside are now screened.

Carroll said because Riverside Park is private property, undesirables are served with a trespass notice and can be arrested if seen on the grounds again.

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THE OWNERS OF CORNER DELI & VARIETY used the big sign outside their Main Street business to support Louis Conte as girls' varsity basketball coach at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

OKAY TO COACH - from Page 1...

However, after meeting privately with members of the girls' basketball team, Ryder said he told the girls he would agree to allow Conte the option of returning as their coach.

Public Support For Conte Followed Decision

Ryder's decision came two weeks after a group of parents, student athletes, and coaching colleagues attended a School Committee meeting asking that Conte be allowed to coach. Conte's athletes and supporters said his skills as a coach and his moral authority as a role model were assets too valuable to be wasted or lost to another school system.

School Committee member Scott Macey (who left his seat on the stage at the September 27th meeting to urge that Conte be allowed to return to coaching), thanked Ryder for changing his mind. "For whatever reason you changed your mind, thanks on behalf of the kids," Macey said.

Ryder said he had informed Conte of his decision, but did not know if Conte would decide to continue coaching.

"The ball is in his court," Ryder said.

At presstime, Conte had not yet decided whether or not he would be returning to varsity sports in Agawam.

Conte confirmed that he has declined offers to coach basketball from area high schools and from Elms College in Chicopee.

Under Conte's leadership, the Brownies brought home the Western Massachusetts Division I championship in 1993, and were runner-ups in the State Finals.

Applications for the position of girls' varsity basketball coach must be submitted by Monday, October 17th.

Testimonial Slated For Mike Walsh

Townpeople are cordially invited to attend a testimonial dinner for outgoing State Representative Michael P. Walsh on Thursday, October 20th, at Chez Josef. Tickets are \$25 per person. Cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Join

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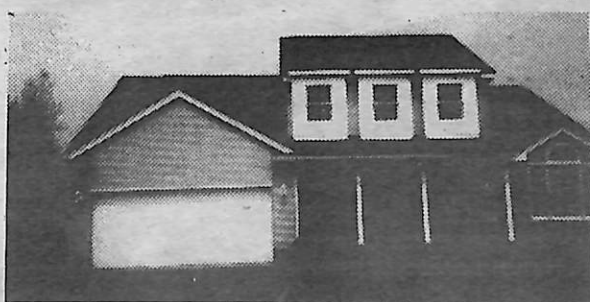
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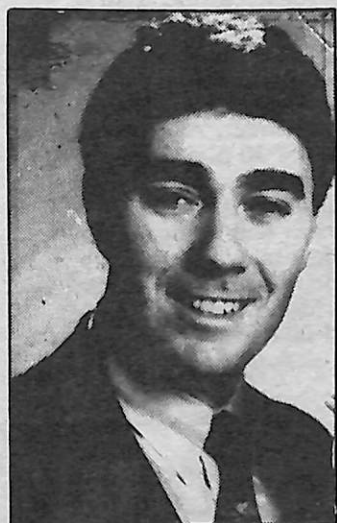
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Letters To The Editor

Casino Would Be Best Thing That Could Happen To Town

To The Editor:

I am writing because I feel that it is vitally important for the residents of Agawam to keep a few things in focus as they consider the issues involved in the Casino Gambling question on the November 8th ballot. It has been a very long time since the citizens of Agawam have been asked to make such an important decision.

In my opinion, much of the discussion that has taken place so far has only served to cloud the issue and distract the voters from what is really important.

At its heart, the decision which this community will be asked to make on election day is an economic one. It has little, if anything, to do with morality. A number of individuals have tried to frame this vote as a referendum for or against gambling.

Again, in my opinion, that is not the issue! State sponsored gambling is a fact and has been since states began the lotteries many years ago. "MEGABUCKS," "MASS-MILLIONS," the "DAILY NUMBER," "OTB" and all of the other assorted games are simply facts of life. The argument about the morality of gambling is now moot.

I would not criticize the views of anyone who has had a problem with state sponsored gaming and if this were simply a discussion about the appropriateness of raising state revenues via gambling, my views might be quite different but that issue was decided many years ago.

This discussion about casino type gambling in our area is also moot; the state has already indicated that one casino WILL be placed in Hampden County. The only decision we are being asked to make is whether or not we would like to see the casino in Agawam vs. some other Hampden Co. community, i.e. Springfield.

If the question can be kept narrowly focused and the discussion kept on an economic and rational basis, I believe that the only possible outcome would be widespread agreement that the opening of a casino at Riverside Park would be the biggest and best thing that has happened to this town in a long, long time.

The opening of a riverboat casino in our community would result in the creation of hundreds of badly needed and high paying jobs, millions of dollars of tourism revenues which would support every business in our community, and an increase in tax revenues for Agawam of approximately \$5,000,000-\$7,000,000.

These increased taxes would help to stabilize, if not lower, your property taxes and would help fund the community needs of quality education, senior citizen services, and infrastructure repairs and replacements. The new schools, fire stations, senior citizen centers, and DPW garages of our future would be paid for not through increasing your taxes or bonding, but through our greatly increased tax revenues thanks to the casino. The added revenues to the town would more than cover any needed increase in our police and fire departments to handle whatever negative impact might be felt.

If we were to vote against such a casino, and instead of Agawam it were to be built in Springfield, we would certainly be subject to much of the same negative impacts and none of the offsetting revenues. We can look to a situation which took place a few years ago to our south as a perfect example of what can happen to short sighted communities.

About 10 years ago, the J.C. Penney Co. proposed to build a warehouse/outlet in South Windsor, CT. The residents of that town, citing many of the same issues we are discussing today, strongly objected to the project and eventually forced Penney's to go elsewhere. Penney's constructed their warehouse a few hundreds yards over the South Windsor town line in Manchester, CT. That retail development has now grown to include the Buckland Hills Mall and other retail stores. It generates huge tax revenues to Manchester while South Windsor has all of the problems but none of the tax revenue from the project.

Another aspect of this discussion which doesn't get enough consideration is the fact that the Carroll family has been a positive force in this town for a very long time. They have accounted for untold millions of dollars of revenue to this town in the form of fees, taxes, tourists, and jobs for our young people.

They have been good neighbors to us all and we owe them our support as they struggle to safeguard their economic future. Ledyard and many of the proposed casino projects in New England have plans to include theme/amusement parks in their complexes to help them become family entertainment attractions.

If these plans come to fruition and Riverside is left without a casino it certainly will suffer a severe decrease in its market share and revenue base and thus its entire existence might be threatened. Consider if you will, the effects on Agawam if Riverside were to go out of business and a vacant lot were to be all that is left there in five or 10 years.

The Carrolls have been very good to Agawam. Shouldn't we return the favor by showing them that we have confidence in their management, ability, and trust that they will do everything that they can to continue to help Agawam grow and prosper?

By voting in favor of a casino in Agawam, we are voting in favor of Riverside's growth and prosperity. By voting in favor of a casino at Riverside, we are voting for Agawam's economic growth and prosperity. Shouldn't we all work hard to make sure that Agawam enjoys all of the economic benefits available rather than letting them float across the river?

Think about it!

Frank Lawlor
19 Losito Lane
Agawam

Politicians Playing Games In State Rep. Campaign

To The Editor:

First it was George Bitzas, a candidate for State Rep., who refused to debate Dan Keenan and refused to discuss the issues.

Now, James Taylor, another candidate for State Rep., refuses to talk about the meeting. What's the big secret?

What is going on with candidates who are asking the public to trust them and yet they refuse to "put the cards on the table?"

Robert Rose, Jr.
33 Portland Street
Feeding Hills

Mayor Johnson Comes Thru On Potential Health Risk

To The Editor:

Upon arriving home from work on Friday, September 30, 1994, I noticed a wind-blown trash bag on my front lawn. On further examination, it was determined that the bag was filled with medical waste; namely, syringe caps, latex gloves, gauze, etc.

I then placed a call to the health department office in the hope of having someone from their staff come out to pick up this bag. This proved to be unsuccessful since the top health official was not in to authorize this move.

I then asked to be transferred to the Mayor's office and although I did not get to speak to the Mayor himself, since he was in conference, I relayed my problem to his secretary. Within a very short period of time, the Mayor's secretary called back saying that someone from the town would be out to gather up the waste.

In a matter of 10 minutes or so, a town vehicle pulled up and picked up the trash.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mayor Johnson for his prompt attention in seeing to it that this matter was taken care of.

Sincerely,
Alphonse A. Magnacca
Feeding Hills

Big E Shuttle Bus At AHS Big Success This Year

To The Editor:

The Big E Parking Shuttle at the High School this year was a great success and we wish to thank all those who used the shuttle, the Agawam DPW, Curran Jones Funeral Home, the Soccer Association, and all of the band parents who sat so diligently to raise money for the band.

Sincerely,
Erin Shepard, President
And The Band Parents Association

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"Keening For Keenan" In A Successful Election

To The Editor:

"The Gentleman From Blandford" has definitely taken a giant step in a successful quest for representative in the Third Hampden District. He is a positive mentor that 95 percent of promotion is motion.

His oration, legislative, and administrative abilities will be loudly acclaimed throughout our beloved Commonwealth.

This new political venture will be faced with a luminous smile and another bizarre twist in an already-successful life. He is not an insider with "political wonk," whereas he is an outsider with broad vision for the future.

On entering public life, he has overcome the cynicism that we feel about politics and politicians. He has positive courage and will serve as an inspiration for all future generations of public servants.

My sense is that "The Gentleman From Blandford" is not objectionable to any voter, and he will serve with a healthy margin of victory.

He also knows where the train station is located.

Dan Courtney
Feeding Hills

Clarification On Alleged Secret Meeting Imperative

To The Editor:

I just finished reading three interesting letters in *The Southwick Suffield Advertiser News*, October 8, 1994 edition. All three letters involved a former Agawam town employee, Casimir Tryba, whose position was eliminated by the City Councilors. (Letter writers James Taylor, Ed St. Peter, & R. Dudley.)

In one letter, Councilor James Taylor offered to clarify a question on an alleged **illegal meeting**. While the **illegal meeting** seems to have been put to rest, I have some serious questions on a possible **secret meeting**, in which some Agawam councilors may have been involved.

The obvious question to Councilor James Taylor is ... Did you take part in a secret meeting, relating to the elimination of Casimir Tryba's sanitation position? Please now, I am not talking about an **illegal meeting**, I am talking about a **secret meeting**. Please clarify!!!!

A clarification of the alleged secret meeting is imperative.

Norman Tetrault
24 Birchwood Road
Southwick

Old Agawam Shenanigans Being Used By Candidate

To The Editor:

It is appalling to see the kind of "old Agawam" political shenanigans being used by people obviously associated with the Keenan campaign. For someone who claims to be a new leader, the tactics used by his supporters sure smell of old fashioned dirty tricks.

I'm especially offended by the anonymous letters being mailed to me and others around town by someone, or a group of people, obviously supporting the candidate from Blandford.

How stupid do they think we are? We can read the paper for ourselves. One has to wonder why these same people haven't told the truth—namely, that the article being circulated was in error and that a correction was printed in the publication that made the mistake.

On May 24th, that publication said in their correction—"In April 1993, Hampden County Court Judge William H. Welch dismissed charges which accused the city council of holding an illegal meeting."

Yours truly,
Rita Moore
41 Federal Ave.
Agawam

Allegation Of Secret Meeting Needs To Be Aired

To The Editor:

An Open Letter To City Council President James Taylor:

Will you please address the allegation that several City Council members had attended a

secret meeting. Supposedly, this meeting was to formulate the ground work in eliminating a position held by a Mr. Casimir Tryba.

As a voter, I demand and I fully expect a truthful answer from you. Did you attend the so-called Tryba secret meeting?

Gwenn Watt
An Agawam Resident

Refusal To Discuss Secret Meeting A Shame

To The Editor:

I wish to address this letter to both Mayor Christopher Johnson and to Council President James Taylor.

First, will the real Mayor Johnson please stand up?

I read in another publication, following the recent primary, both you and James Taylor appeared at candidate George Bitzas' headquarters on primary evening. One week ago, I read in the same publication that you (Mayor Johnson) plan to endorse the candidacy of James Taylor. Further, in today's *Advertiser News*, I found a letter written by Peggy Baldyga which states that you were "holding a sign and waving for Jim Taylor, who was standing on the opposite corner."

This type of campaigning is called "old boy politics" or politics as usual. So, will the real Mayor Johnson please stand up? Incidentally, I didn't notice an answer from you when John Duni asked if you had attended the secret Tryba meeting. Can we expect an answer, or will it be "politics as usual"?

Second, it was nice "MEETING" you, Mr. Taylor.

Of the illegal meeting, you said, "I feel a factual clarification is in order. Several letters addressed the issue of a Superior Court judge making a determination that there had been an illegal meeting of the Council which I supposedly attended. This is simply not true."

Well said, Mr. Taylor. I accept your factual clarification that you had not attended an **illegal meeting**. Now, please give the voters a factual clarification on the following questions:

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1. Do you personally have any knowledge of an alleged secret meeting, which supposedly took place in Mayor Johnson's office concerning Cas Tryba?

2. Do you personally know the names of the alleged six city councilors that supposedly attended the secret meeting?

3. Did you personally attend the alleged secret meeting?

4. If you had personal knowledge of a city councilor who may have attended a secret meeting, would you ever again support that councilor for public office?

Please provide the voters the "factual" answers to these four questions.

Brenda J. Brown
47 Walnut Street
Agawam

Many, Many Kudos For Agawam Fire Department

To The Editor:

If it happens that I use this space often to castigate someone or some group, this letter will be a little different. Kudos to the Fire Department.

On August 6th, I fell from a pitch on the bank here and suffered a crack in my pelvis. The ambulance responded in minutes and took me to Emergency at Baystate Medical Center.

I wish to thank publicly as I have personally, Steven Castelli and Donald Savaria for their care in getting me into the ambulance and into the Emergency Room. This was a very painful injury. I was bruised badly from my ankle to my shoulder as I landed on the pavement.

On August 16th, I was moved for recuperation and therapy to Heritage Hall East, where I remained until discharged on October 1st, thoroughly recovered. I remain indebted to a large group at Heritage. Space forbids publishing all those names but if injury or incapacity ever sends you there, they will be the people who will care for you: a great bunch.

I must also mention that I had to be transported back in March when I had a problem swallowing. I haven't yet identified that crew of EMT's, but I intend to and to thank them personally. In fact, I have great praise for courtesies to me by Chief David Pisano and a number of others.

Thank you.

Walter P. Harrington
Feeding Hills

Vandalism At Vets' Green Takes Toll On Agawam

To The Editor:

I would like to express my concerns in regards to vandalism which has taken a costly toll on the people of Agawam.

Since my retirement from the U.S. Coast Guard, I have taken an active part in the Agawam Veterans' Council. With the help of the American Legion, VFW, veterans' agent, town personnel, and many people in Agawam, we have all worked hard to establish the Veterans' Green on Main Street.

But, even with the efforts of all the people involved, there seems to be an element which seems to get its "kicks" out of damaging or defacing the property. Since the establishment of the Veteran's Green to honor our veterans, there has been considerable vandalism to the site.

What is the solution for this vandalism? I don't have the answer. But what I would ask is that if someone or some group of individuals are seen

destroying the efforts of the townspeople to establish a Veterans' Memorial area, or for that matter, any other property, PLEASE contact the Agawam Police Department.

It certainly is sad when you cannot have the flag of our country illuminated at night because vandals keep destroying the lights faster than they can be affordably replaced.

Sincerely,
Edward Kellogg,
president, Agawam Veterans' Council

Political Cronyism Charged Over Secret Meeting

To The Editor:

I have just finished reading Mayor Johnson's charge against another former city councilor about letter writing on the issue of the alleged illegal meeting.

Mr. Mayor, haven't you seen the numerous letters to the editor which appeared in *The Agawam Advertiser News*, signed by real live people of Agawam?

I cannot believe you, Mayor Johnson, would sink to this level of political cronyism to defend such an obvious mistrust in government.

The judge may have ruled that a particular meeting was not illegal, but surely the meeting was unethical and it was secret. Certainly, the meeting was not an open meeting, nor was it a public meeting.

Come on, Mayor Johnson, who are you kidding??

NO DEBATE, NO DISCUSSION. Just a quick vote by six city councilors who took the other five councilors by surprise.

Enough is enough!

I may never agree with Mr. Russo again in my lifetime, but he is absolutely right on this one. I am totally convinced that there was an **UNETHICAL AND SECRET MEETING** which was attended by several councilors and yourself.

Mr. Mayor, it is time for you to clean up your act on the matter of the **SECRET MEETING** involving Casimir Tryba.

Jeri L. Iglesias
1485 Suffield Street
Agawam

Agawam Town Clergy Dissent Against Casino

To The Editor:

We, the undersigned Clergy of our community, wish to share with you our feelings and beliefs about casino gambling for Agawam and the greater Springfield area.

We oppose gambling on moral grounds. Morality is how we treat people. To exploit people, to manipulate people, or to treat people as "things" is immoral ... and these are the payoffs of casino gambling. It is built upon and fosters blatant greed. It undermines personal self-reliance and responsibility. It promotes the substitution of a life based on faith and compassion for our neighbors for a life based on the quick fix and false hopes.

The "something for nothing ... easy money" promise is a rejection of God's design for life in which hard and productive work is the appropriate response to God's gift of life and God's purpose for humankind.

Higher rates of crime inevitably follow. Studies have shown that gambling attracts more crime than can be explained by the increased number of

visitors alone. The crime rate in Atlantic City shot up 237 percent following the opening of the casinos there.

There is also negative impact on non-casino businesses: In case after case, existing retail businesses have suffered when casinos have entered a community. Casinos offer cheap or free food and services to draw on gamblers, meaning few of their visitors ever leave the complex to visit other restaurants or stores.

Traffic is another key concern to us. The safety of our children is of prime concern. The increases on Main Street, River Road, and surrounding areas will create a very dangerous situation.

Our understanding of God convinces us that life has meaning and purpose: that we should make decisions about our future based on responsible, prayerful judgements, exercising due care for ourselves, our families, and the common good; that labor is a worthy enterprise; that God gives us grounds for disciplined hope.

We **URGE** you to join us in voting **NO** to Casino Gambling on November 8th.

Reverend George Cope
Reverend Leonard Cowan
Reverend Curt Fuller
Reverend Donald Morris
Reverend Robert C. Donaldson

Corn King Al Christopher Was A Very Special Man

To The Editor:

Mrs. Corn and Family:

We couldn't find a suitable card to express what we feel, so we hope this letter is okay.

We know the pain and sadness, the loss and emptiness, so "We're sorry" isn't enough, though you'll hear it many times. We can only say the world is less one very, very special human being who had the **biggest** heart and helping hand for **everyone!**

He was such a most wonderful person there isn't enough words to tell all he has done for our family. Please let us know if we can do anything for yours! Our hearts and thoughts are with all of you.

It was a very special gift to know a man as special, wonderful, and giving as MR. CORN! Thanks for sharing him with us all. Our hearts, prayers, and love are with you all!

With all our hearts,
Bob, Lou, and The Craig Family

Question Of Secret Meeting Still Remains Unanswered

To The Editor:

It appears to me that the question on the alleged "Illegal Meeting" has now been answered. However, the allegation of a **secret meeting** must now be answered.

Did the Mayor of Agawam and the Council President, James Taylor, and others meet in a **secret meeting** to discuss the firing of Casimir Tryba?

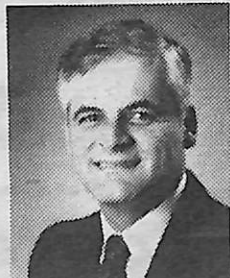
The Mayor and Mr. Taylor **MUST ANSWER** this question at this time. There have been too many people asking the same question and it must be answered by the people who are being accused.

Were you at the secret meeting or not??

Robert Sweatland
23 Lakeview St.
Southwick

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LETTERS - from Page 6...

Yesterday's Politics Recalled
On Dismissal Of Cas Tryba

To The Editor:

City Council President James Taylor has now cleared the air on the question of the "ILLEGAL MEETING." In view of this, I have several other questions for Councilor Taylor to do the same ... clear the air. My questions pertain to the elimination of the sanitation position once held by Mr. Casimir Tryba.

Question No. 1: Do you, Mr. Taylor, remember "YESTERDAY'S POLITICS," when six city council members, unexpectedly, proposed to do away with Cas Tryba's position as a sanitation? I DO!

Question No. 2: Do you remember that fateful city council meeting, when six councilors played the political game by ramming the Tryba proposal through with little discussion? I DO!

Question No. 3: Do you remember how the other five city councilors were taken by surprise and how they pleaded for an explanation, without success, before the vote was taken? I DO!

Question No. 4: Do you remember that you were one of those six councilors who voted to eliminate the sanitation position, thereby dismissing one of Agawam's finest and most dedicated employees? I DIDN'T THEN, BUT I DO NOW!

Question No. 5: Do you remember, following the city council vote, how the public demanded to know why the sanitation position was eliminated? I DIDN'T THEN, BUT I DO NOW!

Question No. 6: Do you remember the public hearing on the Tryba matter, which drew a jam-packed house? I DIDN'T THEN, BUT I DO NOW!

Question No. 7: Do you remember how the public pleaded to the six city councilors for a "good reason" and "an explanation" for the dismissal, but these pleas fell on deaf ears? I DIDN'T THEN, BUT I DO NOW!

Question No. 8: Do you remember that some of the other five councilors were convinced that a secret meeting had to take place by the six councilors before the actual vote had taken place? I DIDN'T THEN, BUT I DO NOW!

Question No. 9: Do you remember the numerous letters in *The Advertiser News* asking you, Councilor Taylor, if you had attended a secret meeting? I DO!

Question No. 10: Do you remember some of the letter writers asking if the alleged secret meeting had taken place in the mayor's office? I DO!

Question No. 11: Do you remember how you avoided all of these questions? I DO!

Finally, I leave you with these thoughts: 1. Remember that secrets can always come back to haunt you. 2. Never forget Cas Tryba!

Kenneth R. Krzykowski
Agawam

Soccer Referees Getting
Bad Rap By Parents, Coaches

To The Editor:

Welcome to the world of soccer. I am thrilled you have allowed your sons and/or daughters to play the world's most popular sport!

This is a game that can be played by most children whether they are old or young, large or

small. Through the years, I have watched and enjoyed hundreds of soccer games encompassing beginner, recreational, Pioneer Valley, M.A.P.L.E. League, many state tournaments, and varsity level competition.

My area of concern is the often erratic and irresponsible behavior of parents, spectators, and yes, some of the coaches, as well. Coming from a family of referees, I feel the need to clarify the following information about them.

Most of the referees I know have played the game and have chosen to focus on another aspect of it, i.e. officiating. Youths beginning from age 12 on up are eligible to take the Massachusetts State Referee Certification test. And yes, all the referees you see on local and area playing fields have passed the same F.I.F.A. test that the "World Cup" officials use. Our referees can officiate in any state within the union.

Because they truly enjoy the sport, many of our sons and daughters have entered the "field of work" as referees. What better place to learn about life than on the soccer field once again!

How unfortunate for all that some parents and spectators choose this forum to verbally attack the referees.

Although many of the vocal folks have little knowledge about the game, nevertheless, they often spout off their opinions, sometimes carrying on in tirades which must cause their young players to shudder with embarrassment. What a poor example of sportsmanship and fair play!

Watch games played by both boys and girls at other levels. Talk with coaches, referees, and your own children. Learn the game! (Rules of the game are often modified and updated yearly.)

Children learn by your example; they don't need to hear criticism. Please give all players and officials your respect; they deserve it. Your sons and daughters want to have fun, so let them have it! Remember, soccer is a GAME; ENJOY IT!

Perhaps one day your child may want to become a soccer referee. More quality referees are always needed. What would happen if no one wanted to referee soccer? No more games? I hope not.

Sincerely,
Jan Rousseau

Agawam Will Lose Too Much
With No Vote On Casino

To The Editor:

As a resident of Agawam, I'm asking you to give serious thought to the consequences of a "no" vote on the casino issue.

Agawam clearly has too much to lose. All of the studies do show that Riverside's future is in jeopardy with the casino/theme parks that are already being established. Personally, the thought of Springfield having a casino is very frightening to me; I'm not willing to say "let them deal with it."

Ed Carroll and his staff have already proven themselves to be responsible people. He is not proposing something that is going to infest the town with crime. He is trying to save something that he and his family have worked very hard to establish and maintain.

There are so many things we all take for granted when it comes to Riverside. Jobs and revenue are only part of it.

Have you ever thought about the Agawam Police officers who work at the park throughout the season? We all know that a police officer is never off duty. They all drive through the town getting to and returning from Riverside, and this increased visibility is just one of the benefits we in Agawam receive because of the park.

Remember, we're not voting on whether or not there should be casino gambling in Massachusetts. It's going to happen sooner or later.

I will vote YES and support Ed Carroll. I'm not willing to lose the many benefits I presently receive from Riverside, and I am certainly not willing to sit back and hope that if Springfield gets a casino, they will be as responsible as Ed and his staff have already proven themselves to be.

Sincerely,
Susan Fydenkevez,
Agawam

Secret Meeting Explanation
Should Come Out In Debate

To The Editor:

Several weeks ago, I submitted a letter in which I suggested that it would be in the best interest of the voters to have a debate between Dan Keenan and George Bitzas.

I still believe that a debate would have served the voters much better because we would have had a better perspective of each candidate.

After having read so many letters on the secret meeting, I believe that it would be in the best interest of the voters to know the full details of the secret meeting. On what date did the meeting occur? Where was the meeting held? How many councilors attended the meeting? What was the purpose of the meeting? Who were the councilors that attended the meeting?

Who better can answer the above questions than James Taylor, who is the president of the City Council? Please Mr. Taylor, inform the public of the meeting.

Kara Pattison
River Road Apts.
Agawam

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TOWN OF AGAWAM

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS
AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Sealed proposals for SNOW PLOWING AND SNOW REMOVAL will be received until 4:00 P.M. on Monday, October 24, 1994 at the Agawam Housing Authority office at Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001. Specifications available at office.

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Robert Watson
Chairman

Town Council Agenda
For October 17th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 10/3/94
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

7. Report of Council Committees

8. Elections

9. Public Hearings

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1. PH-94-14-(TOR-94-7)-An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Town of Agawam, Ch. 180, Art. X, Sec. 180-60B and Ch. 180, Art. XI, Sec. 180-66D (Mayor)(Conduct Public Hearing).

2. PH-94-15-(TO-94-46)-A Public Hearing regarding the environmental impact the Riverside Casino will have on the Connecticut River as it pertains to fisheries and wildlife (Coun. Balboni)(Conduct Public Hearing).

10. Old Business

(a) Orders

1. TOR-94-8-An Ordinance Regulating Trespassing and Loitering in Schools and School Zones in the Town of Agawam (Mayor)(2nd Reading).

2. TO-94-47-Voucher List (\$20.20).

3. TO-94-48-Application for video permit for Riverview Variety & Deli at 33 River Road, Agawam, MA.

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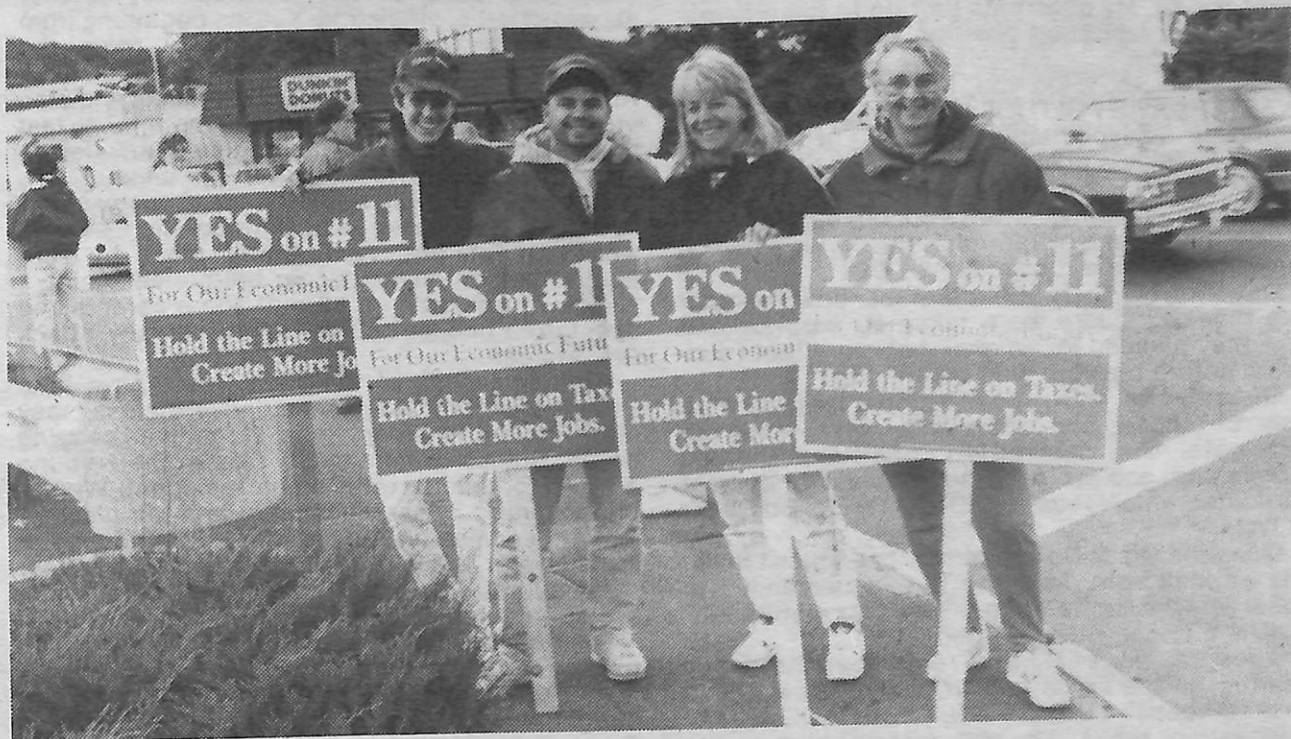
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Campaign '94

Casino Supporters Rally At Bridge



ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, supporters of the proposed casino and entertainment complex at Riverside Park held a rally at the Agawam-West Springfield Bridge on the corners of Main & Suffield Streets to support their cause. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Tax Deduction For Family Caring For Elderly: Taylor

James D. Taylor, candidate for State Representative, recently announced that if he is elected in November, he will work to create a tax deduction for families caring for an elderly relative.

Taylor said that he would support efforts to allow families who are caring for elderly relatives a tax deduction against their income. "In these tough economic times, it is difficult for families to take care of their aging parents. By giving these people a tax break, I hope to help families stay together."

"People shouldn't have to put their parents in nursing homes simply because they can't afford to take care of them at home."

In a recent survey, Boston's Work and Family Directions, Inc. revealed that 22 percent of people working today expect to have to care for an elderly relative in the next three to four years. Already, 16 percent of those surveyed are caring for an aging relative now. Currently, there are 11 other states that grant a tax break to families caring for elderly relatives at home.

"This is an important issue that many people in Massachusetts are facing today," commented Taylor. "I know that offering these people a tax break will make a real difference in their lives. It's about time the government gave a break to the average, middle class family that's just trying to do the right thing."

Taylor pointed to the fact that it is both costly and time-consuming to care for an elderly relative. "People have a hard enough time supporting their children, much less their parents to boot. We give parents a break on their income tax for their kids, why can't we give them a break for their elderly parents as well?" questioned Taylor.

"It's sad when money problems break a family apart. It shouldn't happen anymore, and we should do everything we can to prevent it. I will do everything I can to prevent it," promised Taylor.

Keenan Committee On Foliage Caravan

Dan Keenan, Democratic candidate for State Representative, his wife, Jill, and several supporters enjoyed a fall foliage caravan through the smaller towns of the Third Hampden District on Sunday, October 9th.

The entourage left Southwick following the Democratic Breakfast and travelled to Russell. During the Russell stops, Keenan went door-to-door to several houses, talking to the voters as has been his trademark throughout the campaign.

From Russell, the caravan travelled through Blandford, along Cobble Mountain Reservoir, then to Tolland. After enjoying homemade cider at the High Country Store in Tolland, the group concluded their journey in Granville at the town's annual Harvest Festival, and with a stop at a local apple orchard. The array of crafts and food complemented the colorful surroundings at the Harvest Fair.

"Every time I visit the smaller towns in our district, I enjoy their unique sense of history and lifestyle. The people are always friendly and share the same concerns for their families as the residents of Southwick and Agawam," said Keenan.

"I intend to be a voice for all of the voters in the Third Hampden District as their State Representative in Boston," he concluded.

Taylor Committee To Meet Oct. 14th

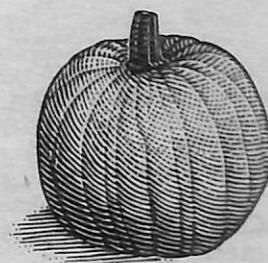
The Taylor Committee to elect James D. Taylor State Representative will meet October 14th at 7:30 p.m. at 707 River Road, Agawam.

If you want to help Jim Taylor become the next State Representative from the Third Hampden District, please stop by Friday night. The Taylor Committee can be reached at 786-0300. Coffee and refreshments will be served.



Last chance for Fall goodies!

Now that the days are cool and the nights downright chilly, it's time to slow things down a bit—so stock up on our fresh beans, tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins, winter squash, cornstalks, native apples & cider this weekend—we're closing for the season at the end of the day, Sunday, October 16. Thanks for a great year. See you in the spring!



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Campaign '94 - continued...**Candidates' Forum & Coffee Hour Slated For October 15th**

The Agawam Council of Condominiums, a voluntary association of condominiums located in Agawam, will sponsor a Candidates' Forum and Coffee Hour on Saturday, October 15, 1994 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

The two candidates for State Representative of the Third Hampden District, Jim Taylor (R) and Dan Keenan (D), will be the Council's guests. The program will consist of a presentation by each candidate and their responses to written questions from the audience.

Because condominium residents comprise a significant percentage of Agawam's voting population, the Council is offering this opportunity to residents to become better informed about the candidates and the issues.

Condominium residents interested in attending the Candidates' Forum should contact Plotkin & Associates at 732-2158 by Thursday, October 13, 1994.

Riverside Owner To Discuss Casino Before Ag. Chamber

By now most Agawam residents are familiar with Riverside Park's proposed casino, hotel, and entertainment complex.

From the recent survey of chamber members regarding the casino, many requested that the chamber provide more information on casino gambling and the effects it might have on local businesses.

In response to this, the Agawam Chamber of Commerce has invited Riverside Park owner Edward J. Carroll, III, to address questions regarding traffic studies and the economic impact studies, as well as other concerns that area businesses may have at a chamber breakfast on Friday, October 28th, at Crestview Country Club starting at 7:45 a.m.

Area business people are invited to attend (as well as the public) for \$12 per person. Please call Jean at the chamber at 787-1555 or mail in your check to Agawam Chamber of Commerce, 1350 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Deadline for reservations is Monday, October 24th.

State Rep. Forum Being Sponsored By Town Democrats

The voters of Agawam will have an opportunity to attend a forum between Attorney Daniel Keenan and James Taylor, both candidates for State Representative from the Third Hampden District.

This seat is being vacated due to the resignation of Mike Walsh.

The forum will be held at Agawam Middle School on Monday night, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. Continental Cablevision will air this show live on October 24th at 7:00 p.m. and will repeat this event on Wednesday, October 26th at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, October 27th at 9:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, November 2nd at 9:30 p.m. It will be shown on Channel 32.

Ernest Therrien will be the Moderator and questions will be taken from the audience. This forum is sponsored by the Agawam Democratic Committee.

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Citizens Committee on Casino Gambling will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 18, 1994, at 7:00 P.M., at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

The purpose of this public hearing is to provide the citizens of Agawam the opportunity to express their comments on the Riverside Park casino proposal.

Christopher C. Johnson
Mayor

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Taylor To Greet Gov. Weld At Reception At Alexander's Oct. 19th

James D. Taylor, candidate for State Representative from the Third Hampden District, will greet Governor William F. Weld at a reception on Wednesday, October 19th.

The event will kick off at Alexander's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Weld will be in the district to attend the 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. reception in Taylor's honor.

As the Agawam City Council President for the past two years, Taylor has fought to use our tax dollars wisely while living within the constraints of Proposition 2½. He has also strongly supported running town government like a business with, for example, the acquisition of the highly successful Agawam Country Club.

He supports new or innovative ways of managing local government, like computer networks for

the town hall and police department that will save time, labor, and tax dollars. Taylor said he wants to take what he has learned and done to the state level of government next year.

Like Taylor, Weld is also a proponent of major welfare reform and "three strikes you're out" legislation.

"If I'm elected to the legislature in November, you can be sure that I will work with the Governor to make these things a reality," said Taylor.

Tickets are available from the Taylor Committee at 786-0300 or Cindy Sanford at 786-5423. Hot hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The Third Hampden District includes the towns of Agawam, Southwick, Blandford, Granville, Tolland, and Russell.

JOHNSON ENDORSES TAYLOR

Dear Voters,

I strongly encourage you to consider Jim Taylor for State Representative on Tuesday November 8th. I believe that it is extremely important for Agawam to hang on to the State Representative's seat. There are many vital state issues which uniquely and significantly affect Agawam like Route 57 expansion and casino gambling.

Jim Taylor has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Town of Agawam. He has worked hard as Council President to make a difference for the residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills. His leadership and hard work has produced results like the town acquisition of Tuckahoe Turf Farm and Agawam Country Club, as well as, the funding for a new fire headquarters.

Please consider Jim Taylor on Tuesday November 8th and let's keep the State Representative's seat at home in Agawam.

Very truly yours,

Christopher C. Johnson
Mayor

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Looking Back...

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OCTOBER 16th - AGAWAM TO FIGHT OUSTER FROM SEWAGE PLANT

Town Manager James Westman has requested a meeting with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and communities participating in a regional sewage treatment facility at Bondi's Island in response to Springfield's attempt to exclude this town.

"Agawam has always and still does intend to participate in the plant to be constructed on Bondi's Island," Westman said in his February 7th letter to the EPA.

OCTOBER 16th - COUNCIL APPROPRIATES \$3,400 FOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Town Council Monday appropriated \$3,400 for the Agawam Hockey Association to cover ice rental fees for league games.

The issue generated heavy debate, with some councilors saying the association's request did not constitute a genuine emergency and would open the door for request for money from other private organizations.

The sum was transferred from the general reserve fund, which is used only for unforeseen emergencies. The initial request, sponsored by Councilor Joseph Lovotti, was for \$5,400, enough to cover the 300 games this season. Councilor Kenneth Barnes amended the motion to \$3,400 which makes the amount equal to last year's appropriation.

OCTOBER 16th - TOWN MOVES TO END CITY DUMP RIGHTS

Town Council has moved to close down Springfield's Bondi Island dump in retaliation for the city's refusal to give the town special rates for sewage treatment.

The Council Monday voted unanimously to ask the Board of Health to order Springfield to cease dumping operations within 30 days for alleged violations of a 1968 agreement with the Board of Appeals.

The Council also authorized the Board of Assessors to make an immediate assessment of all buildings at the dump site, including the present sewage treatment facility.

Councilor Paul Fieldstad said he viewed the city dump recently and "I hate to say what the dump will smell like with garbage added. I can hardly stand it now." He told councilors he saw numerous dumping violations there and "We should get along with our sister city, but when we get an ultimatum like this, we must fight back."

OCTOBER 17th - ABUTTERS OPPOSED TO SHOPPING CENTER

An Ohio concern presented a plan for a \$2.5 million shopping center at the corner of Suffield and Silver Streets at a public hearing held Tuesday at the Planning Board.

Developers Diversified, in conjunction with Silver Hill Village Inc. of Agawam, is seeking a zone change from residential and agriculture zoning to business.

The shopping center, which would be located directly across from an existing center, would have a K-Mart (S.S. Kresge Co.) and a large food chain as its two anchor stores.

About 10 residents of the 20 attending registered opposition, saying the center would be detrimental to the area. They complained that no sidewalks are provided on the plans, the center would generate too much traffic, and the state is slow to grant approval for traffic lights.

OCTOBER 19th - WHERE TO DUMP COULD BECOME PROBLEM FOR SPRINGFIELD

Where would Springfield residents, the annual producers of 3,000 tons of garbage and 68,000 tons of refuse, put it all if Agawam carried out its threat to close down this city's dumping facilities at Bondi's Island?

Agawam officials refuse to accept garbage at Bondi's Island so Springfield pays \$300,000 a year extra to maintain two separate collections, one for garbage and a second for refuse which consists of paper and cans and is sometimes called rubbish.

Springfield may take Agawam to court if that town completes a move to close Springfield's Bondi Island dump, Wylie C. Hubbard hinted Tuesday.

OCTOBER 24th - \$20 MILLION, HOUSING-SHOPPING PROPOSED FOR 375-ACRE SITE

Town officials and representatives of Tobacco Farms Co. met jointly Tuesday to discuss bringing planned unit development to Agawam.

Members of the Planning Board, Assessors, School Committee, Industrial Development Commission, and Conservation Commission appeared to look favorably on the plan, but cautioned the developer that the project must be proven to be financially beneficial to the town.

Opponent Of Casinos Proposes Human Chain To Link Agawam/West Side/Springfield

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

On the Saturday before voters in Agawam and Springfield decide whether or not they want casino gambling in their communities, Feeding Hills resident Joann McGeoghan hopes to see a living chain of gambling opponents linking the two cities.

An outspoken opponent of any form of legalized gambling in Massachusetts, Mrs. McGeoghan is spearheading a campaign to defeat the non-binding referendum questions facing voters in Springfield and Agawam on November 8th.

Mrs. McGeoghan envisions a Unity Chain Against Gambling stretching from Agawam Town Hall to downtown Springfield. With hands clasped in unity, the living chain will begin on Main Street and extend over the Sullivan-Morgan Bridge into West Springfield and continue along Memorial Avenue, over the Memorial Bridge, and into downtown Springfield.

The chain, which will not obstruct any roadways or block any driveways (according to her),

will serve as a demonstration against casinos in Hampden County and as a symbol of West Springfield caught in the middle with no voice in the matter.

Even though the people of West Springfield will be affected should casino gambling come to one of its neighbors, they have no say, Mrs. McGeoghan said.

Along with other community members working to defeat the proposed gambling operation at Riverside Park, Mrs. McGeoghan is hoping 80 percent of the voters will reject siting a casino in Agawam or in Springfield.

"Governor (William) Weld has said no community will have gambling if they don't want it, and we don't want to leave any doubt in his mind," Mrs. McGeoghan said.

The Unity Chain Against Gambling will link Springfield and Agawam for about an hour on Saturday morning, November 5th, if the permits required by the three communities can be obtained in time.

Farmers Urged To Select Representatives

Farmers and landowners in the towns of Agawam, Feeding Hills, Granville, Southwick, and Tolland are encouraged to select representatives to the ASCS County and Community Committees.

These committees administer Federal Farm Programs on a county level and are elected to their positions by their fellow farmers.

Please call John Devine at the Hampden County ASCS for further details of this annual election and to request a nomination petition.

The telephone number for the Hampden County ASCS office is (413) 732-5215.

Ag. Planning Board Agenda For Oct. 20th

Planning Board Agenda for October 20, 1994 to be held at the Agawam Police Station, Faolin Peirce Community Room, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

1. Minutes - October 6, 1994
2. Site Plan - Cordi Foods/Shoemaker Ln. Proposed 5,000 sq. ft. addition
3. Bond Reduction - Forest Ridge Estates
4. Bond Extensions - Hendom Meadows, Juniper Ridge Estates

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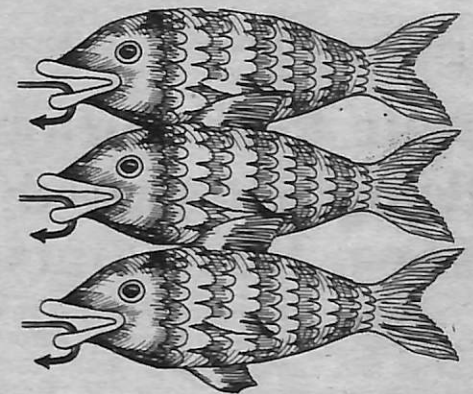
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The cause of most chimney fires is creosote, which is a by-product resulting from the incomplete combustion of wood. It accumulates on the sides of your chimney and stovepipe as a liquid and later condenses into a solid. As it builds up it not only blocks the flue, but can ignite into a roaring fire.

It is recommended that you have your chimney professionally cleaned and inspected at least once a year. If you use your fireplace or wood stove as a primary source of heat for your home, you should consider a cleaning and inspection at the beginning and end of each heating season.

To select a chimney sweep, don't just base your decision on cost. Ask if they are certified by the National Chimney Sweep Guild or a trade school. Are they active in a state or local guild? How did they learn their craft? Ask for references.

A professional chimney sweep will do more than brush out your chimney. They inspect your chimney for damage to liners, cracks due to settling, improper installation of prefabricated chimneys, and much more.

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If you've never had your chimney cleaned and inspected or it's been a while, the Agawam Fire Department encourages you to take these precautions to prevent a chimney fire in your home.

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TOWN RESIDENTS who took advantage of a free day at Riverside Park last weekend included, from left - Lorrie Chrusciel, Ashleigh Chrusciel, Corey Chrusciel, and John, Mike, and Pam Lynch. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Obituaries

Alexander J. Buiniskas

Alexander J. Buiniskas, 75, of 42 Raymond Circle, Agawam, a retired 28-year monotype setter for the Trade Composition Co. in Springfield, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

He retired in 1984. Previously, he was an employee of Bigelow and Sanford Co. in Thompsonville, CT, for 18 years.

Born in Thompsonville, he lived there and was a graduate of the local schools. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, with the rank of boatswains mate 2nd class, serving aboard the USS Monrovia during the surrender of Japan in Tokyo Bay.

He was the recipient of the American Area Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon.

He leaves his wife, the former Lois C. Barden; two brothers, Anthony of Waverly, New York, and Raymond of Hazardville, CT; and a sister, Margaret Sideravage-Drake of Windsor Locks, CT.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Agawam

Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Agawam, c/o Memorial Fund, 760 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Thomas F. Rosso

Thomas F. Rosso of 31 Hastings Street, Feeding Hills, died at home after a brief illness.

He worked at the Sheraton West in West Springfield and was also a mason for many local contractors.

Born in Italy, he formerly lived in Springfield, and attended schools there. He settled in Agawam in 1941, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Alice Yelinek, and two grandchildren.

A son, Edward, died in 1992.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

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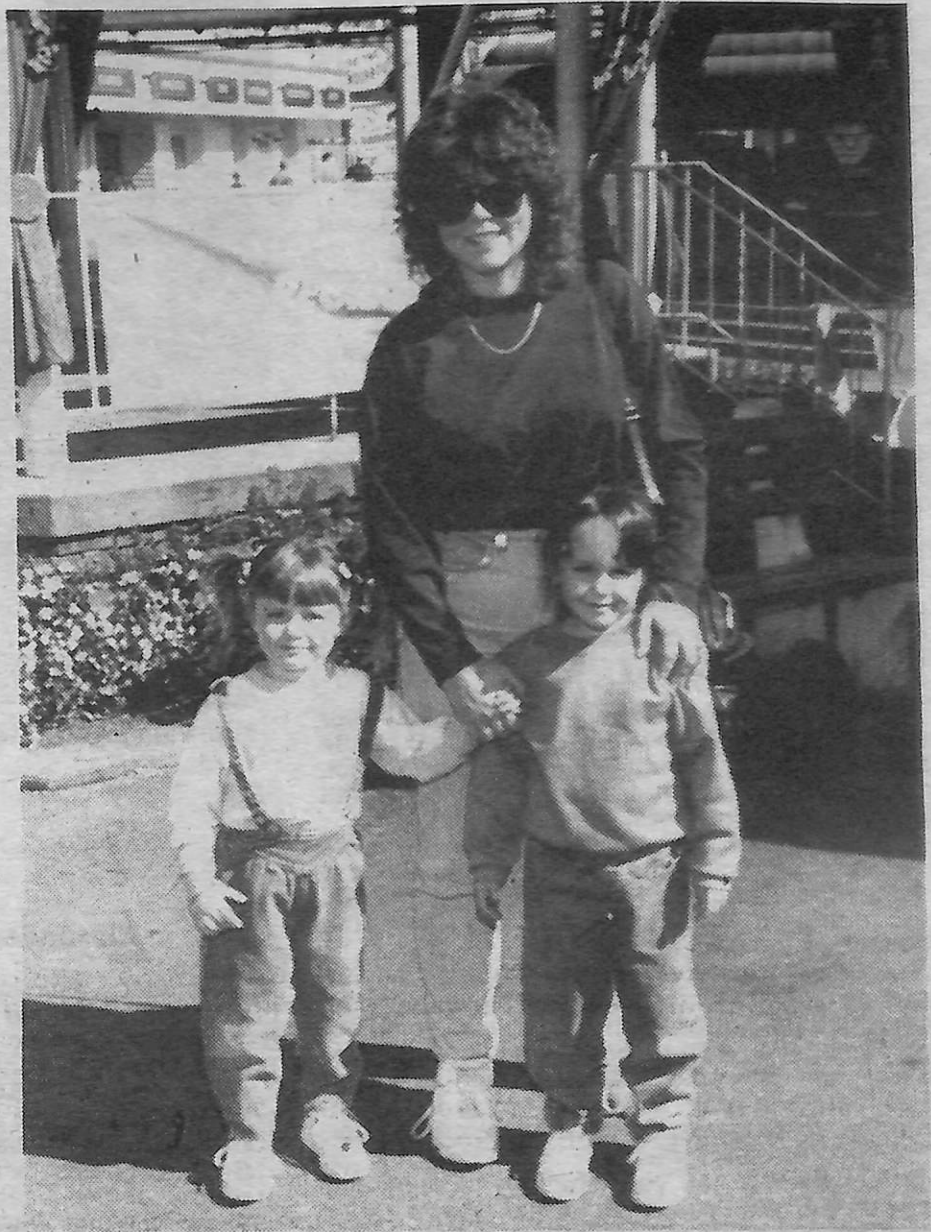
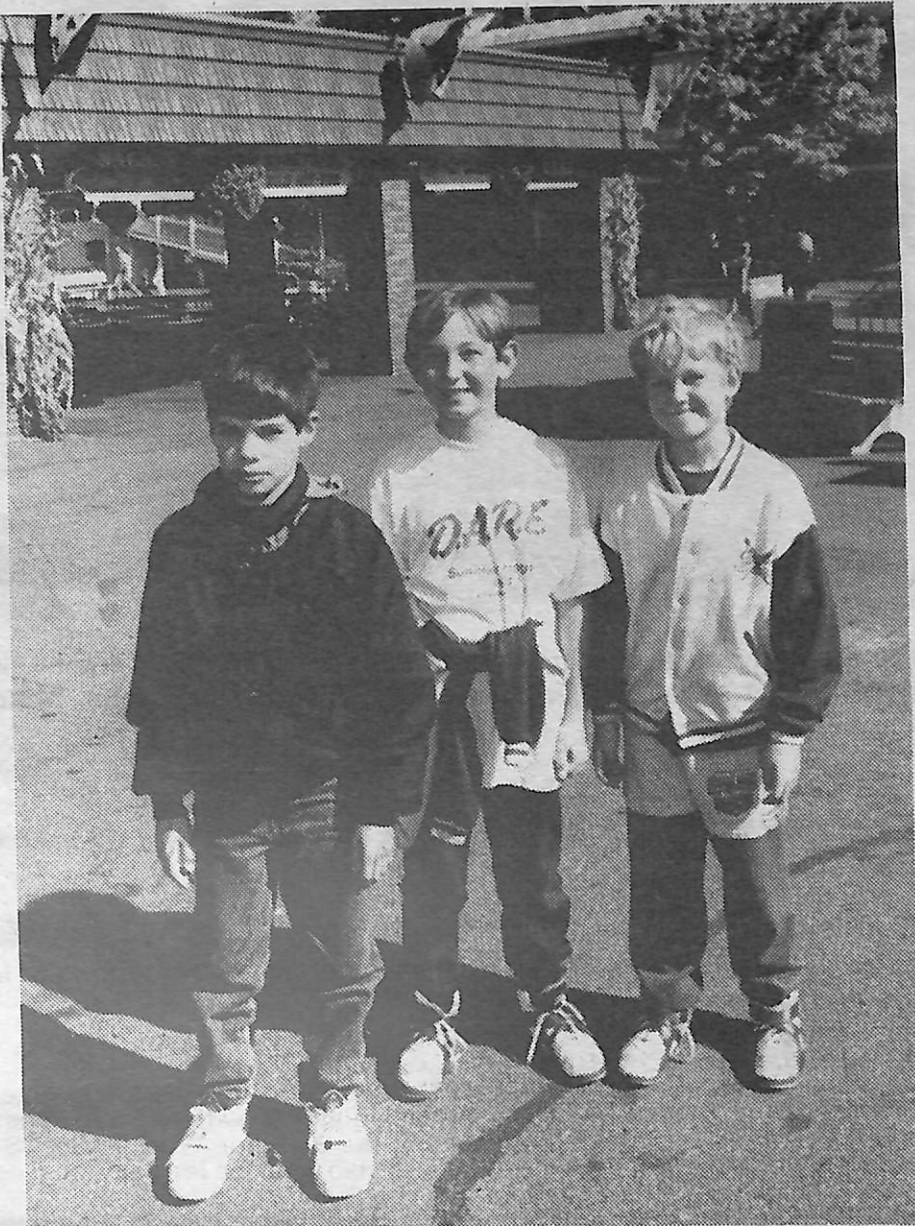


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Families

Agawam Weekend At Riverside Park



RIVERSIDE AMUSEMENT PARK treated town residents to free admission to the park last weekend. From left - Michael DeFilipi, Nicholas Krolicki, Benjamin Krolocki, and Kristen, Laurel, and Brittany Laurino. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

McCaves To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Donald & Jeannette McCave will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 14th. They were married in St. David's Church with a U.S. Navy escort at a candlelight service.

Lifelong residents of Agawam, they have two daughters living in California, Ann Marie Smith and Kathy Lou McCave of Forestville.

Mrs. McCave is the former Jeannette Smith.

West Side Travel Club Heading For Rockies

The Travel Club of the West Springfield Senior Center is planning a trip to the Canadian Rockies, June 27 to July 2, 1995.

There will be a film presentation of the Rockies at the Senior Center on October 27, 1994 at 2:00 p.m., where more information will be available.

Light refreshments will be served. Anyone interested may attend!

For more information, call June at 786-9356, or Dolores at 732-4980.

Turnverein To Hold Annual Craft Fair

The Springfield Turnverein's Annual Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, October 29th indoors at their luncheon at 176 Garden Street in Feeding Hills.

There is still a limited number of openings available for interested crafters.

If you would like the opportunity to display your wares at this annual event, please contact Erna Wedemeyer at 592-4219.



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Feeding Hills Man Receives Masonic Honor



THE HIGHEST HONOR OF SCOTTISH Rite Freemasonry was conferred on the above group of Massachusetts men, including David A. Davies of 46 Carmel Lane, Feeding Hills (standing, second from right) on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, in the Cleveland Convention Center Music Hall. The degree conferral climaxed the yearly meeting of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite for the 15 northeastern and midwestern states, comprising the 360,000-member Northern Jurisdiction of the USA. A total of 138 men received the degree in the 1994 class. This degree is awarded for outstanding service to Freemasonry or for significant contributions to humanity, reflecting credit upon the fraternity.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 17th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, peas, oatmeal bread, fresh orange.

Tuesday, October 18th: Birthdays & anniversaries—salisbury steak, egg noodles, peppers & onions, Canadian oat bread, cake.

Wednesday, October 19th: BBQ rib, potato puffs, corn, whole wheat bread, plums.

Thursday, October 20th: Chicken chow mein, fluffy white rice, Chinese noodles, pumpernickel bread, pineapple tidbits.

Friday, October 21st: Baked fish, baked beans, cole slaw, rye bread, lemon pudding with whipped topping.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

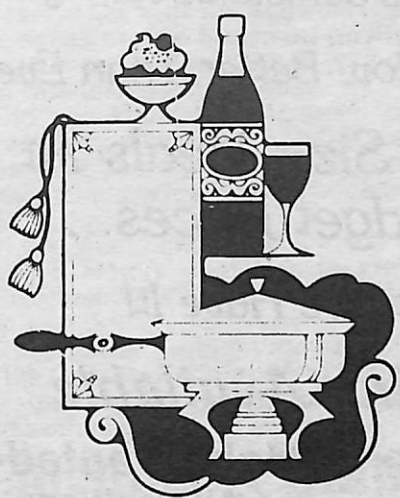
Agawam 4-Hers Elect Officers For '94-'95

The members of the Fantastic 4-Hers of Agawam met recently and elected the following officers for the 1994-95 club year:

President, Ryan Sullivan; vice president, Jennifer McGuire; secretary, Kimberly Sullivan; treasurer, Jillian Roberts; recreation director, Meghan Beauchesne.

The leaders of the group are Maryellen Sullivan and Pat Bertone-Gross. The Junior Leader is Seth Bertone-Gross.

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CROPWALKS To Be Held In Agawam & Swk. On Oct. 23rd

Agawam and Southwick will host two of 12 10-kilometer CROPWALKS in Western Massachusetts on Sunday, October 23rd.

For the Agawam/West Springfield Walk, registration starts at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam United Methodist Church on Mill Street, and the walk will start at 2:00 p.m. For the Southwick/Granville Walk, registration is 11:30 a.m. at Southwick Congregational Church.

Last year, more than 100,000 people in Western Massachusetts raised \$92,000 by either walking or donating to CROPWALK.

Annual CROPWALKS raise dollars to fund development assistance and famine relief both locally and globally. Community groups, churches, schools, businesses, and individuals participate by getting sponsors to pledge dollars per kilometer.

Of the dollars raised each year, 25 percent goes to local food banks and pantries, including Western Mass. Food Bank, the Open Pantry of Springfield, Chicopee Emergency Food and Fuel and many others. The remaining dollars go around the United States and the world to aid victims of disasters, like the floods in Florida and Georgia, or the hungry in Rwanda, South Africa, Haiti, and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

There is recognition for groups and individuals who bring the most walkers or raise the most money, and a free original-art design CROPWALK '94 t-shirt for every walker who raises \$100 or more! Walks will take place simultaneously in Agawam/West Springfield, Belchertown, Dalton, Franklin County, the Hilltowns, Monson/Palmer, South Hadley, Southwick/Granville, Greater Springfield, Ware, Westfield, and Wilbraham/Hampden.

CROPWALK works in 70 countries around the world to provide emergency food for famine victims, emergency shelter for victims of disaster, primary health care, seeds and tools, safe clean water, education and job training, as well as support for food pantries and soup kitchens.

This year's Western Massachusetts' CROPWALKS are sponsored by SIS Bank, United Cooperative Bank, TV-22, WHYN-FM Radio, Business West, and Boston Chicken. Food will be provided by Boston Chicken, Friendly's Ice Cream, and Big Y Foods.

CROPWALK '94 works in collaboration with the Western Massachusetts Food Bank. For more information or to obtain registration materials, call (413) 583-8355; for specific information on the walk in Agawam and to receive a pledge card, call Bob Broga at 786-7720.

The Agawam and West Springfield CROPWALK Committee is pleased to have Agawam Police Chief Robert Campbell, Agawam Fire Chief David Pisano, Paul Sutton of television station WGGB-Channel 40, and Agawam Middle School Assistant Principal Louis Conte as Honorary Chairmen of this year's CROPWALK.

AHS Class Of '74 Seeking Classmates For 20-Year Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1974 is continuing plans for a big 20-year reunion on Friday, November 25th (night after Thanksgiving) at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills.

Committee members have forwarded information packets to as many classmates as possible (with last known addresses or addresses of parents still in town).

The following classmates cannot be located (and some might be right in the area). These classmates include: Mario Albano, Linda Arcouette, Robin Arthur, Carol Avery, Donna Bailey, Jane Baldyga, Denise Bedard, Lisa Bellemore, Mark Bierschied, Bonnie Blair, Joanne Blair, Denise Boissanault, James Botelho, Debra Bouchard, Lea Bouchard, Bruce Buckingham, Jean Bussolari, David Capodagli, Claire Carey, David Carey, Laura Chapman, Patricia Cook, Joel Cummings, John Donovan, and Jan Donovan.

Also, Norm Dufault, George Ezekial, Barbara Gallup, Charles Gaudino, Daniel Sheen, Mike Rossi, Joe Serra, Martha Simone, Deena Grant, Linda Griggs, Tina Hamel, Edward Hope, Carol Kane, Nancy Lane, Suzanne LaPlante, Peter Larini, Laura LaRiviere, Ray Leopardi, Julie McCaffrey, Diane Mallory, Dennis Malley, Debra Merriam, Donald Morawski, Val Nicholls, Maureen O'Connor, Vincent Perrotta, Michael Plasse, Nancy Rackliffe, Harry Reimers, Rob Rennell, Leonard Rising, Ray Rivers, and Robert Robbins.

Also, Elsie Sweet, Lisa Turhowski, Patty Waterman, Joan Werner, Debbie West, Marie West, Richard Whitney, Joanne Whittle, Greg Wright, Debbie Yahner, and Walter Ziemba.

If you have the phone number or information on any of the above members of the AHS Class of 1974, please contact any of the following committee members - Donna & Mike Bodurtha, 786-4351; Sheryl Hadden Fleming, 786-7578; Laura Kibbe Moran, 786-3370; Mike Walsh, 786-4545, or Ric Sardella (789-2005, evenings, 786-7747, daytime).

Classmates who are coming to the reunion should mail in their ticket payments immediately, as well as the questionnaire.

More information about the reunion will be published again next week.

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Laughing Brook Plans Annual Harvest Day For Sat., Oct. 15th

The Massachusetts Audubon Society, 789 Main Street, Hampden, MA, will sponsor Laughing Brook's 24th Annual Harvest Day, Saturday, October 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Rain date: October 16th)

Featured entertainment will include the Gerwick Puppets, storytelling with Mother West Wind & The "Young" Mr. Burgess, and magician Ed Popielarczyk.

Also offered will be cider pressing, food, pony rides, pumpkin decorating, a country store, traditional craft exhibits, children's crafts, puppet shows, a magic show, face painting, balloon sculpting, relay races, games and contests, hay jump, nature walks, outdoor wildlife exhibits, and amphibian and reptile exhibits.

Admission to Harvest Day for MAS members and Hampden residents is \$4 for adults (ages 16-64), \$3 for children (ages three through 15), and \$3 for seniors (ages 65 and older).

General public admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$4 for seniors.

A fun-filled day for the entire family to enjoy!

Airman Magistri Graduates Basic From Lackland AFB

Air Force Reserve Airman Tracy L. Magistri has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Magistri is the daughter of Lynda S. Magistri of 150 Walnut Street, Agawam, and Mark R. Magistri of Enfield, Connecticut.

She is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School.

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Open Pantry Has Shortages In Many Areas Of Service

Recently, the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry has experienced shortages in some areas of its program:

Food—the shelves of the Pantry are almost empty. Especially needed are soups, vegetables, juices, rice cereals, and canned meats and fish. The Open Pantry also has refrigerators and freezers to store perishables. Also needed are brown grocery bags.

Clothing—especially needed are men's and women's gloves, long underwear, and children's winter clothes.

Volunteers—volunteers are needed one day a week to help distribute food, serve meals, and sort and distribute clothing.

The Parent-Child Program which works with parents and their young children three mornings a week also needs some items:

Arts and crafts supplies—felt, yarn, Christmas ribbon, plastic mesh, Wonder Under, silk flowers, embroidery thread, styrofoam balls, thin wire, and macrami supplies of all kinds.

Volunteers—to do crafts with the parents.

Also needed are a large coffee pot and coffee grinder.

Last year, the VCR belonging to the Parent-Child Program was stolen. The program is in need of a replacement to show educational tapes to the parents and the children.

The Open Pantry has been in operation since 1986 serving the low income of West Springfield and Agawam. An average of 3,000 people are served monthly with emergency food, clothing, and meals. In addition to these survival services, the Pantry offers guidance to households to help them improve and change their lives.

An advocate works two days a week to offer help with jobs, housing, substance abuse, and benefits. The Parent-Child Program works intensively with families on child development, nutrition, safety, and health issues, and to improve self-esteem.

The Open Pantry welcomes community support which enables it to continue its valuable services to low income people.

For more information or to volunteer, one may call the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry at 734-7969 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Local Historian To Be Guest Speaker At Jr. Women's Club

Marilyn Curry of the Agawam Historical Society will speak on the historical points of interest in Agawam on October 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

Did you know that Agawam has one of the oldest carousels ever built? Did you know that the Historical Society has a tour every year to visit homes of historical significance in our community?

If you would like to know more about our town and its history, feel free to attend this event. Refreshments will be served after the presentation.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Chicopee Comp '74 Plans 20th Reunion

Chicopee Comprehensive High School's Class of 1974 will be holding its 20th reunion on Friday, November 25, 1994 at the Storowton Carriage House in West Springfield.

If you were a member of this class and have not been contacted regarding this reunion; or if you know of a classmate that has relocated; or if you need more information, please contact one of the following persons:

Kevin or Pamela (Boisvere) Quirk at 789-3274, Lynn (Provost) Larrabee at 737-2801, or Linda Parlengas at 536-4576.

Pfc. Steven LaBonte Reports For Duty

Marine Pfc. Steven A. LaBonte, son of Kenneth A. LaBonte and Rose M. Mallette of 244 Colemore St., Feeding Hills, recently reported for duty with Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan.

The 1993 graduate of Agawam High School joined the Marine Corps in August 1993.

Anne Sullivan Memorial To Be Featured On Jr. Women's Club's Christmas Ornament

The Agawam Junior Women's Club has announced that its 1994 Christmas ornament will be the fourth in a series of ornaments depicting historical sites in Agawam and Feeding Hills. The club hopes to make the citizens of Agawam more aware of the history contained in their community.

This year's ornament will feature the Anne Sullivan Memorial. The memorial is a bronze sculpture entitled "WATER" by sculptor Mico Kaufman. The sculpture is located in Feeding Hills Center on the corner of South Westfield Street and Route 57.

The sculpture portrays Helen Keller, who was a blind and deaf child, and her teacher, Anne Sullivan. The scene relives the poignant moment when Helen associates hand signals with the water running from a pump.

In 1976, Governor Dukakis signed a proclamation declaring the week of October 17th-23rd as "Anne Sullivan Week" in Massachusetts. The Junior Women's Club has chosen this week to launch its ornament sale and to remind the community of the great works of Anne Sullivan, who gave those afflicted hope and confidence that handicaps can be overcome.

This year's ornament will be a molded bronze medallion of the memorial surrounded by a bronze wreath. Donation is \$5. Ornaments are due to arrive November 15th. Orders may be placed by calling Pam at 789-3274 or Betty at 786-4357. Proceeds will be used for community service projects.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

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Church News

News & Notes From Feeding Hills Cong.

This week, Rev. Donaldson's sermon will be "Candy Crosses." This Sunday is **Bring a Friend Sunday**. We'll have a Potluck Luncheon and a Guest Speaker.

The Rev. Susan Boone will speak on life at Bangor Seminary. So come to church this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Bring a dish to share for our Potluck Luncheon. And don't forget to bring a friend!

"One More Song Coffee House" will have its first concert at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on October 22nd at 8:00 p.m. Pat Humphries, a warm-voiced alto, will sing songs that address a wide range of social issues.

Tickets are only \$8 and will be available at the door. For more information, call (413) 789-1750.

On the calendar this week:

October 16th: Bring a Friend to Church Sunday, followed by Potluck Luncheon (Rev. Susan Boone guest speaker); 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., 10-Plus Youth Group; 6:30 p.m., Operation Friendship.

October 17th: 1:00 p.m., Ladies Benevolent Society.

October 18th: 12:00 noon, Clergy Luncheon; Informer deadline.

October 19th: 6:30 p.m., Music Committee; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 8:00 p.m., A.A.

October 20th: 6:00 p.m., Girl Scouts.

October 22nd: 8:00 p.m., Coffee House with Pat Humphries.

From Rev. Donaldson, Pastor, FHCC...

"If the average member of Congress received as many as a half-dozen letters scrawled in pencil on brown wrapping paper, it would be enough to change his or her vote on most issues," a government official (a veteran of about 20 years on Capital Hill) once said. While he may have exaggerated, his statement indicated that members of Congress want to know how ordinary citizens in their districts feel about public issues. Responsible citizens should write often; their letters should be in good form and contain compelling reasoning.

Youth Group Tag Sale At Ag. Congregational



PARTICIPATING IN A BIG TAG SALE on October 8th sponsored by the Youth Group of the Agawam Congregational Church included, from left - Jennifer Retteu, Louise Fuller, Donna Ellsworth, Gina Marcil, Suzan Fuchs, Corinne Colman, and Cheryl Perkins. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

When it comes to hunger-related issues, Bread for the World provides the information, the opportunity, and the support necessary to get those cards and letters off to Congress.

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How does Bread for the World help? For example, the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children, or WIC, provides medical screening, nutritious food, and nutrition education to low-income pregnant women, new mothers, and children to age five. It has been shown that the government saves four dollars in Medicaid expenses for every dollar spent on prenatal WIC participants.

Nearly 3.5 million eligible women and children are currently unable to get WIC benefits because of inadequate funding. But over the years, Bread for the World members have played a major role in raising funding of WIC to its present level through Offerings of Letters to Congress. The \$350 million increase obtained for WIC for 1994 allows the program to serve approximately 500,000 more women, infants, and young children.

This was a major step forward in a very tight budget environment. Now, because people cared enough to learn about and write in favor of support for this program, fewer children will go to bed hungry this year. Letters written at Bread for the World meetings make a difference.

But more needs to be done. As Christians and as U.S. citizens, we have a unique responsibility to poor and hungry people. Children cannot wait until tomorrow for good nutrition. They need it to grow today. Pregnant women cannot wait, either. Irreparable damage can occur to babies when their mothers lack adequate nutrition during pregnancy.

You can help by coming to the organizational meeting for a new chapter of Bread for the World, to be held at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, at the intersection of Routes 57 and 187 in Feeding Hills, on Tuesday, October 25th, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 786-5061.

Bake Sale At Ag. Congregational Church

AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL YOUTH GROUP members Tracy Landry, Lynn Gonyer, and Steve Merklein helped-out at a bake sale held at the church on Saturday, October 8th, in conjunction with a large tag sale. Looking on is Larry Perkins. **RELATED PHOTO ON PREVIOUS PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Sweatshirts On Sale By St. Theresa's Women's Club

St. Theresa Women's Club is sponsoring a sweatshirt sale on Saturday, October 22nd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Odette Benjamin Center, 74 Bridge Street, Agawam.

Assorted sizes and styles will be available.

Monthly Hour Of Prayer & Song Again At Dominican Nuns Monastery Oct. 16th

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel on Sunday, October 16th at 4:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend. The service will include the singing of Evening Prayer and the recitation of the rosary, sermon, and Benediction.

Playscape Dedicated To F. Hill Native

Christ Lutheran Church, located on College Highway in Southwick, will dedicate a playscape in the memory of Michael Meehan (1970-1982) on Sunday, October 16th, at 11:30 a.m. on the church grounds.

Michael, a native of Feeding Hills and a member of Christ Lutheran Church, was 11 years old when he was killed in an accident at his dad's gravel pit. At the time of his death, a memorial fund was established in Michael's name in order to benefit children; over the years, money has been added to the fund.

The Meehan family has generously offered \$3,000 to be used to help finance the construction of a playscape at Rainbow Images Pre-School, which is located on the grounds of the church. Because of the Meehans' donation, this project (which has been six years in the making) has come to fruition.

For the playscape dedication this Sunday, the friends and family of Christ Lutheran Church and Rainbow Images Pre-School are cordially invited to attend.

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Church News - continued...

Good Eatin' At First Baptist Church



ALETHA HODGE and SHIRLEY GOSS (right) were part of the kitchen crew at the smorgasbord supper held at the Agawam First Baptist Church on October 1st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PREPARING TO SERVE PIES for dessert at a smorgasbord supper held at the Agawam First Baptist Church on October 1st are Leona Booksa, Ruth Roberts, and Alice Ruddock. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

St. Thomas Women To Hold Craft Fair

The Women's Club of St. Thomas Church, Westfield Street (Route 20), West Springfield will hold its Holiday Craft Fair and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 5th in the school auditorium from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Start your Christmas shopping early at the Fair.

Agawam Cong. Slates Chicken Pie Supper

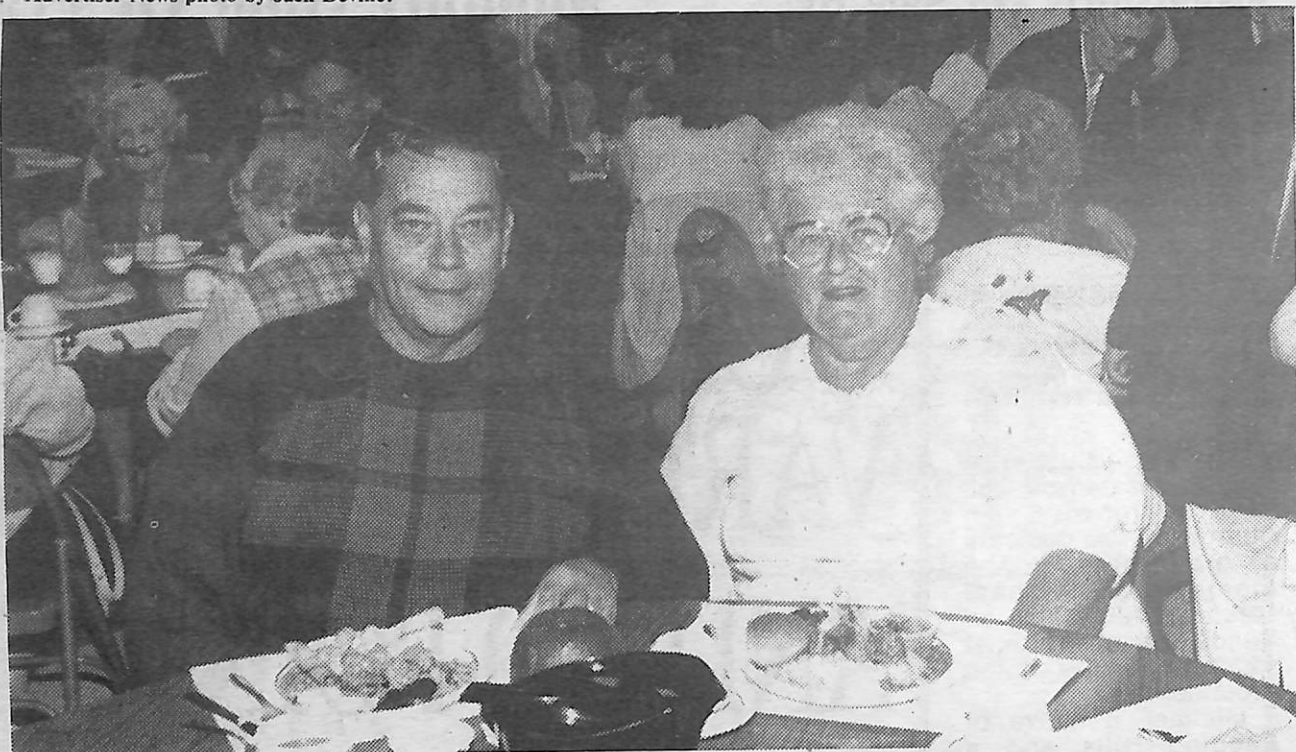
Mark your calendars TODAY for the Agawam Congregational Church's Annual Chicken Pie Supper on Thursday, October 20th.

There will be two sittings at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. The menu will include chicken pie, potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls, beverage (coffee, tea, or milk), and homemade apple pie for dessert.

The donation is \$7.50 for adults; \$6.50 for seniors; and \$4 for children under 12 years of age.

For reservations, please call Carolyn Mosher, 786-6954, or the church office, 786-7111.

Reservations close Tuesday, October 18, 1994.



RICHARD & JANET BOSTOCH attended a smorgasbord supper at the Agawam First Baptist Church in Agawam Center on October 1st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Church News - continued...**Hymn Sing Planned
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"Sing a new song unto the Lord" (Ps. 149). On Sunday evening, October 16th, members, friends, and guests of the First Baptist Church of Agawam will be gathering in the sanctuary to sing new songs and old hymns to the Lord.

The hymn sing, beginning at 7:00 p.m., will feature hymn history and facts as well as some special musical presentations. Included in the special presentations will be a duet by the church's choir director, Scott Thomson, and his wife, Joyce "Dutch" Werthamer on the piano, Genevieve Rose on bass, and Scott Thomson on the saxophone.

The public is invited to come and share in this evening of music and fellowship. Refreshments will follow.

The First Baptist Church, an American Baptist Church, is located at the corner of Main and Elm Streets.



AGAWAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Choir Director Scott Thomson and his wife, Joyce, will be leading a choir sing beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 16th. The public is cordially invited to join in.

Weekly Calendar From Agawam Congregational

Guest Preacher this Sunday will be the Rev. Ann Geer, Executive Director of The Greater Springfield Council of Churches.

Club 45, our youth group for fourth and fifth graders, will have its first meeting this Friday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. here at the church. All are welcome.

Our Jr. High Youth Group will meet this Saturday, October 15th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. here at the church.

Our Church School continues each Sunday morning. Classes for seventh grade students through adults will meet at 9:15 a.m., and Crib Room through sixth grade will meet at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, please call the church office, 786-7111. Everyone is welcome to join the classes.

On Sunday, October 16th, there will be an Open House for our Church School following our Worship Service. Please come and visit the classes, and meet the teachers and assistants for the new Church School year.

Children's Choir rehearsal is Sunday mornings immediately following the Worship Service. All children ages four through ninth grade are welcome!

Playgroup is every Wednesday and Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. The Playgroup follows the school calendar year and is open to infants

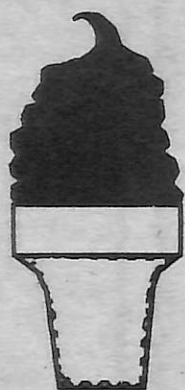
through five year-old children.

Stop by to chat with other caring adults while your child enjoys special play time. For more information, call Sue Tapply at 786-1430.

"Called To Care Informational Fall Forums" are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on the following Sunday mornings: October 23rd, 30th, and November 6th.

The October 23rd topic will be "Long-Term Care Issues" by Mary Ellen Sullivan, D.P.W.; the October 30th topic will be "Financial Planning" by Rufus Cashman, U.C.C. Representative; and on November 6th, Carole Shulte, V.N.A. of Pioneer Valley A.D. Coordinator, will discuss the topic "Alzheimer's Disease."

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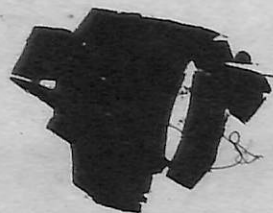
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Spotlight On Business

Westbank Opens New Branch Office In East Longmeadow

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The new East Longmeadow "Community Office" is a full service bank that offers over 60 different types of services including Trust Services. There are six teller stations and a sit-down facility for the physically challenged customers, two drive-thru windows, and a secured lobby ATM that will guarantee quick service to customers.

At the ribbon cutting ceremony, Donald R. Chase, President of Westbank, stated, "Our decision to open a full service 'Community Office' in East Longmeadow was based on a marketing study which indicated that the businesses and residents of East Longmeadow wanted to do business with an independent, locally owned and operated bank where decisions are made by local people, not strangers from out of town."

Paul Kenyon, Vice President, who functions as the Commercial Loan Officer and is a resident of East Longmeadow explained the Westbank Advantage, which consists of prompt decisions, personal service, understanding the customer's financial needs and local commitment. Paul has always been active in the local community he served as a banker for the past 30 years.

The staff at the East Longmeadow Office are banking professionals dedicated to serve every financial need as efficiently and courteously as possible. The Branch Manager is Linda Livingstone, who has over 20 years of banking experience. According to Mrs. Livingstone, "Westbank is small enough to care and big enough to help. Our customers, most often, are our friends and neighbors who value fully personalized service."

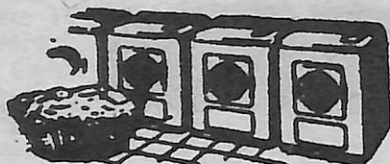
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RIBBON-CUTTING AT THE NEW Westbank branch office in East Longmeadow. From left - Kathy A. Jalbert, John M. Lilly, Robert F. Gladden, Alfred C. Whitaker, Donald R. Chase (bank president), Senator Brian Lees, Robert Wallace, Steven Manning, Gary L. Briggs, Paul Kenyon, and Linda Livingstone.

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BUSINESS REVIEW

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Western Mass Home Maid Irene Griffin, Owner

If you need help with a one-time cleaning job or with routine home maintenance, contacting a maid service may be the solution. You want a maid service that is dependable and thorough, provides references and offers competitive prices. In this area, the cleaning service that fits this description best is **Western Mass Home Maid**. Located in Agawam, phone 789-6960, they are here to serve your residential cleaning needs.

Western Mass Home Maid can help you in a variety of ways—by tackling those big clean-up jobs that come with moving into or out of a home, by providing one-time or occasional home cleaning, or by providing weekly, bi-weekly or monthly cleaning services. Light to heavy duty cleaning jobs are accepted. The personnel at **Western Mass Home Maid** are home cleaning specialists. They perform a variety of jobs from dusting and vacuuming to cleaning kitchens and bathrooms to washing windows and walls. They are insured and bonded for your protection and will treat your home as if it were their own.

House cleaning is a necessity we can't escape, but with the busy lives most of us lead, it is a job we have little time to complete. Whatever your reason for needing them, **Western Mass Home Maid** will provide you with the finest cleaning services available.

John H. Cross, Inc. dba River Street Auto Clinic

No car will run forever without proper care and maintenance. At some time or other, we must all drive our car in to be serviced. In this area, wise motorists go straight to the experienced professionals at **River Street Auto Clinic**, located in Agawam at 27 River Street, phone 789-3450. Their reputation is backed by years of excellent service and many satisfied customers.

River Street Auto Clinic features complete repairing on all makes of cars and trucks. They have become known as a complete, full-service auto repair center. The technicians here have had years of experience in the automotive repair field and use only the latest factory-approved techniques. Anything from a tune-up or a brake job to a complete overhaul will be capably handled by their knowledgeable staff. With their expertise and today's technology, they will be able to add years to the life of your car.

Today's automobile is a major investment. Protect your investment by making sure only well-qualified people are entrusted with its care. For the finest in automotive repair and service, take your car in to the pros at **River Street Auto Clinic**.

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Suburban Auto Body & Glass will be relocated behind Suburban Chevrolet in Southwick at 661 College Highway, phone 569-5025 or toll-free 1-800-566-5025. Here at their environmentally friendly state-of-the-art building, they specialize in all phases of auto collision repair as well as auto painting, in their new *Nova Verta* spray booth and prep station utilizing the *Dupont* digital color matching system.

Protecting our earth, they are proud to have a *Somsco Water Purification System* to purify the water they use. **Suburban's** personnel fully understand auto collision repair work for foreign and domestic vehicles. They offer auto glass replacement with direct billing to insurance companies. **Suburban** has the "know how" that puts their work in a class by itself. Their body work and auto painting are among the best done in this area. Still a well-known *Dupont* assurance of quality shop nationally recognized, they utilize *Dupont* products and provide a written *Dupont* limited warranty of three to five years for quality and durability of all *Dupont* paint repairs. The pros at **Suburban Auto Body & Glass** are ASE and Chevrolet certified experts when it comes to auto body paint and framework. Utilizing their new *Blackhawk* 360-degree frame straightener, **Suburban Auto** can assure you of a durable framework and unibody work that you can trust.

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When you are in the market for sand and gravel of the highest quality, be sure to call **John's Trucking Of Agawam**. Their radio-dispatched trucks are expertly maintained and you can depend on them to have the materials you need on the job when you are ready for it. Regardless if your needs are large or small, **John's Trucking Of Agawam** has the experience and equipment to handle the job. Give them a call soon.

Champagne Dry Wall Ronald Champagne, Owner

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DAVE MODZELESKI

Dave Modzeleski Is Top Listing Agent For September At Molta Real Estate's Agawam Office

Dave Modzeleski from the Agawam Molta Real Estate Inc. office was top listing agent for the month of September 1994.

Having only recently joined the staff of Molta Real Estate, Dave attributes his success to enthusiasm and knowledge of the Agawam market.

Molta Real Estate Inc. has three offices. Along with the Agawam office, there is one in Westfield and Southwick.

If you have any real estate questions or needs, Dave can be contacted at 789-9890 or at his home -789-1935.

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The Assistant Manager is Amy Bilodeau and her staff consists of Marie Focosi, Cathy Koziel, Gretchen Manganaro, and Gina Sarrasin. The office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday, and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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The grand opening celebration will run through October 31st, followed by the drawing of the winner of the FREE drawing, which consists of a choice of an Apple computer or a \$2,000 U.S. savings bond as the grand prize, plus 25 Apple related gifts.

Attending the ribbon cutting ceremony were Senator Brian Lees (representing Governor Weld), Selectman Steve Manning and Fire Chief Robert Wallace (representing the Town and East Longmeadow), and President Robert F. Gladden (representing the East Longmeadow Chamber of Commerce).

Also present was Westbank's Senior Management Team, consisting of Alfred C. Whitaker, Chairman of the Board, John M. Lilly, Executive Vice President and Treasurer, Gary L. Briggs, Executive Vice President, and Kathy A. Jalbert, Vice President, Branch Administration and Personnel.

During the reception, President Donald R. Chase was asked what the difference was between Westbank and the other banks. He simply stated, "Other banks have branches, Westbank has roots."



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How To Spot A Good Buy

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, particularly when it comes to buying a home. Features that attract one home-buyer may repel another.

However, the one feature of interest to every home-buyer is price. Getting the most home for your money is paramount. The real problem is figuring out whether that fixer-upper on one street is a better buy than the home in next-to-new condition two blocks away. That's why knowing what to look for *before* you buy can save you time, energy, and money down the road.

The first step is figuring out what kind of house you need. A good buy is only a good buy if it meets your current and future living requirements. Before shopping for a home, decide how much space you and your family require. How many bedrooms, bathrooms? Is a family room necessary? Do you need a layout that will accommodate a lot of entertaining? Do you prefer a spacious or compact work space in the kitchen? If you have small children, can the house easily be childproofed?

Evaluate the front and back yards. Is there enough space to accommodate your children? Do you want a park-like or garden setting? Do you enjoy yard work and gardening, or do you want a low-maintenance yard? Take into consideration the cost of extensive landscaping and upkeep.

Next, determine how much work is required to make the house you are considering livable. Make an honest assessment of your fix-it abilities. How much work are you willing to do or pay someone else to do? Do you have basic decorating, carpentry, and plumbing skills?

If you plan to learn as you go, make sure you have accurately determined what you are getting into. As an experienced friend, family member, or your real estate agent for their opinion, and be sure to consider how much remodeling inconvenience the rest of the family can handle.

Unless you are ready and able to tackle a major remodeling project, look for a house or condominium that needs only cosmetic improvements. These include painting, wallpapering, and replacing items like window treatments, bathroom and kitchen fixtures, light fixtures,

cabinet and interior door hardware and appliances. Remember that even these simple changes can be costly if you have to make many of them.

Beware of improvements that seem easy enough at first glance but may turn into major headaches and require a lot of money once you've moved in. Remodeled kitchens and bathrooms, changes in floor plan, room additions, and redesigned landscaping are examples of seemingly minor changes that can easily eat away the money you thought you saved by selecting a so-called "bargain priced" home. Of course, you may be perfectly willing to spend whatever money is needed to customize the house to match your tastes and needs.

Make sure major systems in the house are in good working condition. The furnace, air-conditioning, and plumbing should be up to date, since repairs can be costly. A professional real estate agent can arrange to have a professional home inspector determine whether the electrical and plumbing systems are up to code.

Look for a house with universally popular selling points. If you're impressed, the next buyer down the line is bound to be, too.

For example, a roomy, modern, easy-to-clean kitchen is the best selling point a home can have. A house with only one bathroom is less desirable than a house with one-and-a-half baths or more.

Many buyers expect three bedrooms, with at least a half-bath off the master bedroom which offers a feeling of privacy. Lots of storage space and closets will be a real selling point. Family rooms or "recreation rooms" also are desirable. On closer examination, a house that looks like a bargain may lack some of these key features.

Don't forget the old adage: location, location, location. Unless you're looking for a fixer-upper, the house should be in a condition that is comparable to other homes in the neighborhood. Avoid buying the biggest or fanciest home on the block. Consider the amount of traffic or noise. Homes located on a quiet street will command a higher price. Make sure the schools in your district have a reputation for quality education and safety.

Consider the cost of living in a home. It's important to consider not only the purchase price but the monthly cost of living in a home. Estimate your utility and maintenance cost. For example, will the house need to be painted on a regular basis and will you need to spend money maintaining the lawn? Ask your agent about the property tax rate and how often you can expect it to increase. Will you have to pay special assessments for a homeowner's association? Consider the point in the life cycle of major household systems, such as the furnace, air conditioning, roof and kitchen appliances.

You can find a bargain! Your first step should be to seek a knowledgeable real estate agent that is willing to work for you and has experience in the market area where you wish to purchase a home. Your agent can help find the home that most closely matches your desires and needs.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc. located in Feeding Hills, MA. [413-789-1117]).

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Bristol Mort. Exec. To Be Guest Speaker At Molta Real Estate

If you, or someone you know, has always had the dream to someday own your own house, but you've always thought that you wouldn't qualify for a mortgage because of no money for a down payment, poor credit, or that you could not afford the monthly payments, you'll want to attend this upcoming public service seminar titled "Stop Renting and Start Owning Now!"

The purpose of the seminar is to make everyone aware of the many changes that the U.S. Federal Government has completed with the FHA, FmHA, and VA loan programs. These changes now make it easier than ever for just about everyone to buy a house with very little or no money down ... and to have a mortgage payment lower than their rental payment.

Sponsoring the seminar is Molta Real Estate. Their special guest speaker is Raymond Rose, Regional Sales Manager for Bristol Mortgage Corporation, one of the largest lenders in New England and a member of the First Federal Bank System.

"I guarantee you that the information I will review with you can change your life," Rose said. "I'll talk about every aspect of homebuying. You'll learn more during this seminar than you have during your entire lifetime. In fact, if you're not 100 percent satisfied with the seminar, I will give you two free tickets to my local movie theatre to see the movie of your choice ... That's how sure I am that you'll be impressed. You have absolutely nothing to lose."

In addition, Rose will give you the answers to the four most critical questions that you absolutely must know about before starting your home search and signing any contracts. Also, everyone that attends will have the opportunity to have a free credit analysis completed within 48 hours of the seminar.

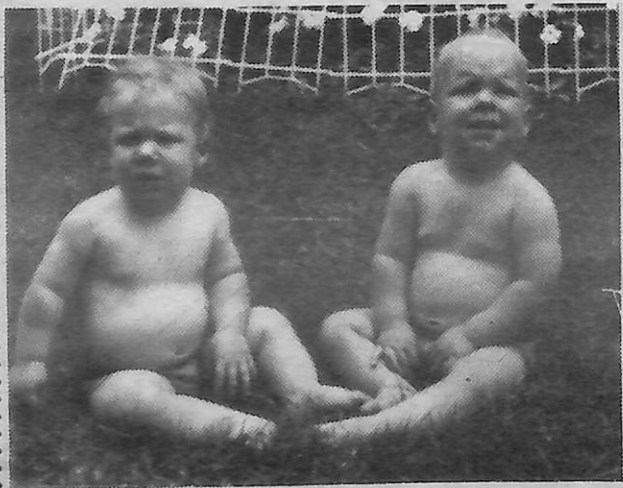
Bob Molta, owner of Molta Real Estate, commented that, "Everyone should take two hours out of their busy schedule and attend this seminar. Otherwise, they may never understand the power of how to intelligently purchase a house ... and save thousands of dollars. Also, ask along several of your friends! You'll learn a bunch," said Molta. "We'll have some fun. There will be plenty of time for questions, and be sure to dress casually."

The seminar takes place Tuesday evening, October 18th at the brand new office of Molta Real Estate, 48 Elm Street, Westfield, located in the center just off the rotary. Reservations are requested, though walk-ins are welcome.

Please call 730-4996 and listen to the recorded information message, or 562-7311 to register. As a special bonus, everyone that pre-registers should ask about the free certificate they will receive, good towards \$200 off their closing costs.

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BITS & PIECES

by Raymond Rose
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What Makes Us Happy???

In my opinion, many of the most popular ideas about what makes people happy are **wrong**. I believe that **external circumstances** have very little effect on one's psychological well being ... and that there are four inner traits that foster happiness.

SELF-ESTEEM

Happy people like themselves ... People who agree with such statements as *I'm a lot of fun to be with* and *I have good ideas* seem to suffer less from sickness ... seem to be more resistant to outside pressures ... and are more persistent at difficult tasks.

Unhappy people blame the outside world for their depression ... they have not learned that they can control their own lives.

PERSONAL CONTROL

My belief is, "What happens to me is my own doing" ... If you agree with my statement, typically you will cope much better with all levels of stress ... and you will live much happier than those who lack that sense of personal control.

Effective time management is one important way to gain a sense of control ... People who cannot plan their time and fill it purposely are left feeling empty ... those who are happy tend to be punctual and efficient. **USE YOUR TO DO LIST ... AND SET YOUR PRIORITIES!**

Reach your goals more easily ... by breaking down big tasks into manageable daily objectives. As each mini-deadline is met, you will sense the feeling of achievement and personal control.

OPTIMISM

Optimistic people are not only happier, they are healthier ... they suffer less from illness ... and recover better/easier when they are sick.

Those who think in positive terms get positive results ... You must keep that positive mental attitude to achieve maximum results.

Though don't be unrealistic ... If your accomplishments don't reach your unrealistic goals, you will be shattered by disappointment. You must have a **clear understanding** about the things that you **can control** in life ... and those things that you **can't control**.

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The easiest way to become a happy person ... is simply to act like one!

NAMES & NOTES

I'm starting up my seminar programs again ... after a year-long absence. Over the next several months, I will be speaking throughout the Springfield, Hartford, and Worcester areas on how to take advantage of real estate opportunities in this environment of rising interest rates.

Next week, I'll be speaking in downtown Westfield. This seminar will be for first-time home buyers. I will show them how to STOP RENTING AND START OWNING NOW ... WITH LITTLE OR NO MONEY DOWN ... AND HOW TO HAVE A MORTGAGE PAYMENT LOWER THAN THEIR RENTAL PAYMENT.

Tell everyone you know that rents an apartment (or house) to listen to the recorded info message by calling 730-4996. The seminar is FREE to the public, and reservations are suggested. Usually there's a packed house, so I would make a quick call.

P.S. ... I'll be giving the same seminar at the Kent Memorial Library in Suffield on Saturday, October 29th. Call my office at 1-800-331-0880 for more info or with any questions ... THANKS!

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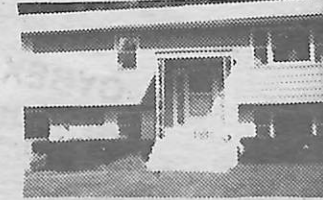
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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Apple-Picking Season Under Way At Apple Berry Farm In Suffield

by Joan Lussier
News Editor

Suffield: It's autumn in New England—pleasant days, cool nights, crisp air, the sound of a few leaves that have begun to fall beneath our feet, the green-leaved trees that are just beginning to turn to vibrant colors, displays of pumpkins that are popping up around the area, and the sweet aroma of apples filling our homes being baked in pies and applesauce.

Known in the Biblical account as the "forbidden fruit," over the years, this fruit has gained much notoriety. Already well known in Europe for centuries, when colonists migrated to North America, they brought with them apple trees.

It has been documented that the first apple tree was to have been planted in 1629 by the Massachusetts Bay Colony settlers and that early apples were of poor quality and used primarily for making cider.

By the early quarter of the 1700's, care and growing changes made apples as good for eating as drinking and they became popular for missionaries and Indians to carry apples to be used for food and for bartering. There was even a high penalty for those caught stealing apples.

Johnny Appleseed

And then there was John Chapman. Maybe you might know him as Johnny Appleseed. It has been said that he travelled from New England with bags of apple seeds and planted them, forming orchards throughout the Ohio River Valley for over 40 years!

We have all heard, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," and whether this may be fact or fiction, still remains questionable. However, it is known that apple are a dietary asset providing carbohydrates for energy, contain no cholesterol, are a source of natural fiber, and are relatively low in calories (85-90 per apple).

Apples have also been rumored in the aiding of digestion because they have only a mild acidity and are a bulk food, as well as the fact that apples help to cleanse the teeth.

After speaking to Pam and Dave Berry of Apple Berry Farm, they told us that we are in the middle of the apple picking season, and this year particularly, they have seen this becoming a family and couples outing.

Located at 1576 North Stone Street, West Suffield (otherwise known as Rising Corner), Apple Berry Farm is conveniently situated for residents in Agawam, Suffield, and Southwick.

Free Rides To Pumpkin Patch

They maintain 27 acres of 20 varieties of apples, and five acres of pumpkins and squash. Beginning the end of September, on weekends they will be offering free rides to the pumpkin patch for residents who may be searching for the perfect pumpkin.

The farm stand hours are Monday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Here apples can be purchased by the half-peck to the half-bushel, and depending on the variety, will cost between \$2.00 to \$5.50.

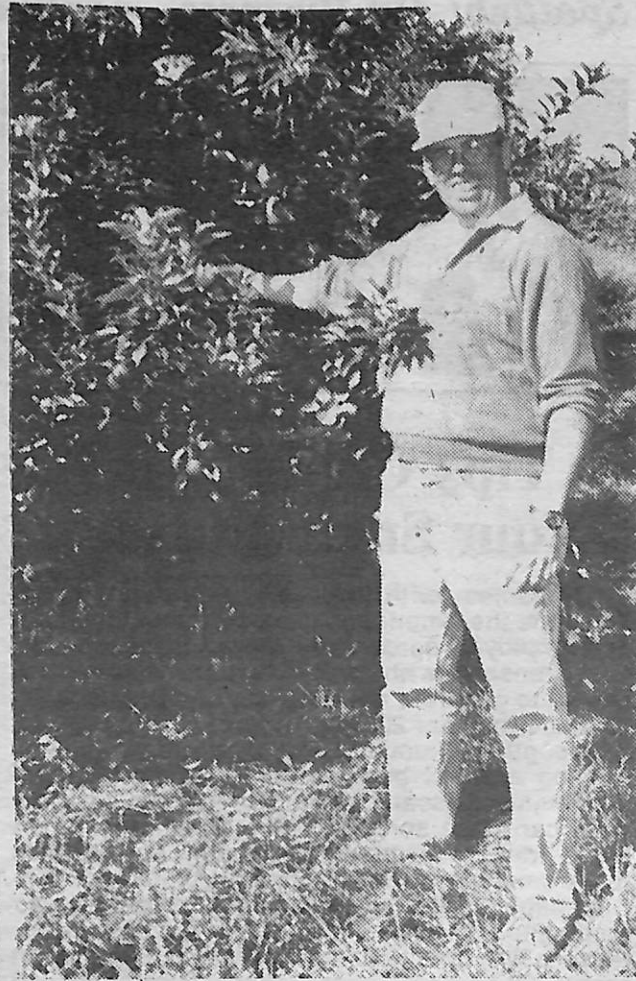
Also available at the farm stand is cider, squash, pumpkins, Indian corn, and homemade apple pies (on the weekends only).

Just down the road at 749 North Stone Street, residents can pick their own apples for 40 cents per pound. Owner Dave Berry said that the average customer picks between 10 and 15 pounds.

He also added that each dwarf apple tree can yield three to four bushels of apples.

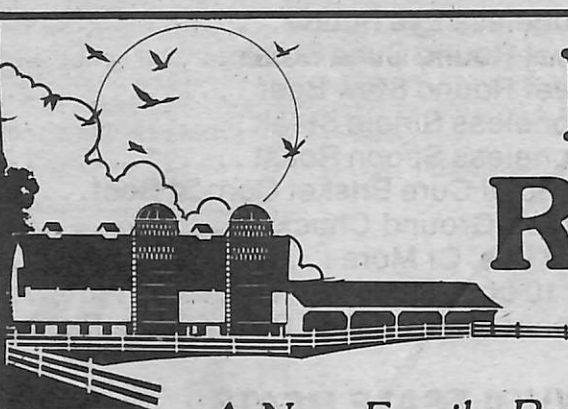
For a delightful family outing, stop by Apple Berry Farm for rides to the pumpkin patch, for picking your own apples, or stop by the farm and buy those already picked.

Remember, apples are a healthy choice as a snack for children and adults, and who knows, maybe an apple a day will keep the doctor away!



PAM BERRY (left) and DAVE BERRY (right) are the owners of Suffield's Apple Berry Farm, which maintains 27 acres of apples and five acres of pumpkins and squash. Advertiser News photos by Joan Lussier.

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Tips On Growing Your Small Business

Companies with 100 or fewer employees dominate the American business landscape. They now employ 60 percent of the work force. Further, entrepreneurs with small businesses are expected to generate most of the new jobs between now and the year 2000.

Strength in numbers, however, doesn't mean running a small business is easy. The lack of economies in scale, particularly in the benefits area, can pose some thorny problems. Here are some ideas for growing a small business in today's competitive environment:

Managing your business assets profitably. According to *US News & World Report*, the three major reasons why small businesses fail are insufficient profits (22 percent), poor growth (20 percent), and too much debt (15 percent). The challenge for you, as a small business owner, is to manage your business assets as effectively and efficiently as possible.

For starters, you need to know what your business is worth—really—which means from the perspective of your creditors and lenders. It would be time well spent to meet with a financial advisor who can help you determine typical rates of return in your area of business, average company earnings, current book value, and projected rate of growth.

Repositioning your cash reserves for higher yields can affect your bottom line. Consider putting funds that you don't need immediately in higher yielding securities which don't increase your risk significantly—intermediate-term CDs, money market funds, and bond funds come to mind. Also, investments in dividend-paying stocks or in tax-exempt municipal funds can slash your business taxes. Seek advice from an expert in evaluating your options.

Managing employee benefits carefully. According to the Department of Labor, only 20 percent of employees at small businesses have any type of retirement plan. Further, *US News & World*

Report states that 15 percent of small companies are refused insurance and many are forced to pay huge premiums.

The challenge for you: Attracting and keeping good employees while controlling the cost of fringe benefits. Small companies have choices other than straight health benefits. Flexible spending accounts, for example, allow employees to use pre-tax dollars to pay for day care, medical care premiums, and other specified expenses by creating a benefit package that includes a cafeteria plan.

Other benefits that you can offer might include group disability coverage, group life insurance, or a SEP—a retirement plan that, for small firms, is the lowest in cost and easiest to set up and administer. Talk to a financial expert for advice on what might work best for you.

Managing executive and key employee benefits wisely. Small companies have the option of offering executives and key employees special

benefits, such as nonqualified deferred compensation plans or payment of life insurance policy premiums (which has the advantage of giving your business an income tax deduction).

You also may want to ensure the continued successful operation of your company in the event of a loss of any of the key employees, yourself included. You need to map out a detailed plan for all contingencies, making sure to spell out how the business interests will be transferred. You also should include estate planning so your family and others are left with more than major headaches and legal hassles.

Get everything in writing and discuss your plans with the people who need to know. Assemble your advisory team—accountant, lawyer, financial advisor, banker—and determine what your best options might be.

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For Your Health

Riverside's Ben Dodge New Spokesman For Brain Injury Asso.

Christien Burbank, Development Manager of the Traumatic Brain Injury Association (TBIA), Inc., has appointed noted NASCAR Race Director/Promoter Ben Dodge, Jr., to become the spokesperson for the Connecticut Traumatic Brain Injury Association.

As spokesperson, Dodge has been asked to be involved as a key NASCAR personality in the Northeast. He will do a series of national spots and public service announcements that will be broadcast with high impact for this great cause, thereby creating awareness and support.

Millions of people everyday are afflicted with severe brain injury accidents. What's more, a high percentage of these accidents are caused by auto accidents and result from people not using seat belts.

Dodge is nationally known for his NASCAR auto racing involvement besides being the Promoter/Director of Riverside Speedway. He is also known for his broadcast announcing as the host and executive producer of "Raceweek" television and his award-winning syndicated radio show "Raceweek" broadcast live from WNNZ Radio (50,000 watts in Westfield, MA).

A graduate of the University of Connecticut, Dodge is best known for his ability to promote in auto racing and entertainment. His voice and presentation are well-known in the Northeast broadcast market.

He was originally selected by TBIA board member John Clark, an avid supporter of auto racing. With the support of WDRG Manager Wayne Mulligan, Clark had decided that an awareness campaign of this type was great for this serious cause.

Kathleen Ryan, Executive Director for TBIA, best described the Public Service Announcement: "Ben Dodge's presentation will make a dramatic impact on all who hear it. It's going to save lives."

Dodge stated, "I am honored to be a spokesperson in support of TBIA. This is something special, and I am real proud to be supporting this cause."

For more information on TBIA, contact the Traumatic Brain Injury Association, 1800 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 224, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

Moms Can Receive Breastfeeding Advice From La Leche League

Where should a new mother go for advice about breastfeeding? According to a recent survey, many doctors, childbirth educators, and nurses recommend that mothers turn to La Leche League.

The survey, conducted by an independent research firm and sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, revealed that nearly all the physicians who participated in the survey were highly in favor of breastfeeding. Most recommended that mothers nurse their babies for at least 19 weeks. Forty-two percent of the pediatricians included in the sample suggested that mothers breastfeed their babies "as long as possible."

If you are considering breastfeeding, the best time to become informed is before the birth of your baby. The fourth of a series of four meetings will be held on Monday, October 17th at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield St., West Springfield.

"Losing Weight Safely While Breastfeeding" will be the topic discussed.

The league offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual *The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding*.

The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding.

For further information, call Theresa at 734-5922 or Jeanne at 739-7923.

Stroke Support Group At Mercy Hospital To Meet Oct. 24th

The Stroke Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital, will conduct its monthly meeting October 24th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital.

The group provides an opportunity for persons who have had a stroke and their families to meet. This community service is offered at no charge.

For more information, call the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation, (413) 748-6800.

Noble Offers Extended Hours For Mammograms

In 1994, 182,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 46,000 women will die from this disease, according to figures released by the American Cancer Society. It is estimated that in the current decade alone, two-million women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than a half-million will die from it.

Members of the Board of Sponsors of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month agree that mammography remains the most effective means currently available for detecting breast cancer in its early stages, and is crucial in women over the age of 50.

To commemorate National Breast Cancer Month in October and the importance of early detection through mammography, Noble Hospital in Westfield will extend its hours for mammograms, from 4:00 to 8:30 p.m., on Monday, October 17th, and Wednesday, October 19th, National Mammography Day. Women wishing to take advantage of the extended hours must have a written order for a mammogram from their physician.

The American Cancer Society and the American College of Radiology recommend that women receive a baseline mammogram at age 35, with screening mammograms every one or two years between ages 40 and 49, and every year after the age of 50.

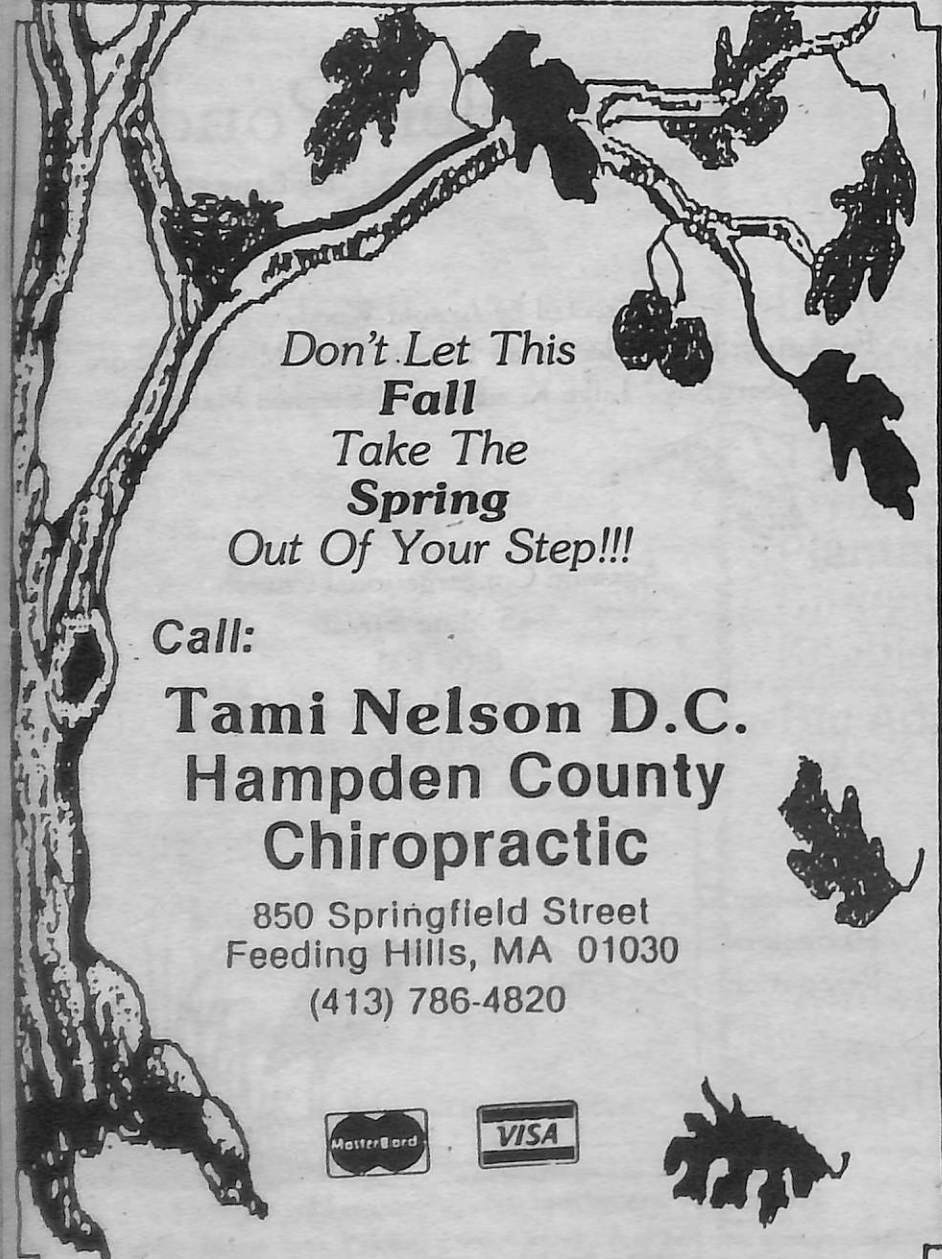
In addition to mammography screening, early detection is enhanced by regular clinical breast examinations and a monthly breast self-examination.

The Noble Hospital mammography department, which recently installed the new Bennett Contour mammography unit, is accredited by the American College of Radiology.

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Arts

StageWest's 1994-95 Season Opener Misfires

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

The StageWest production of *Murder By Misadventure* gives new meaning to the words "partners in crime."

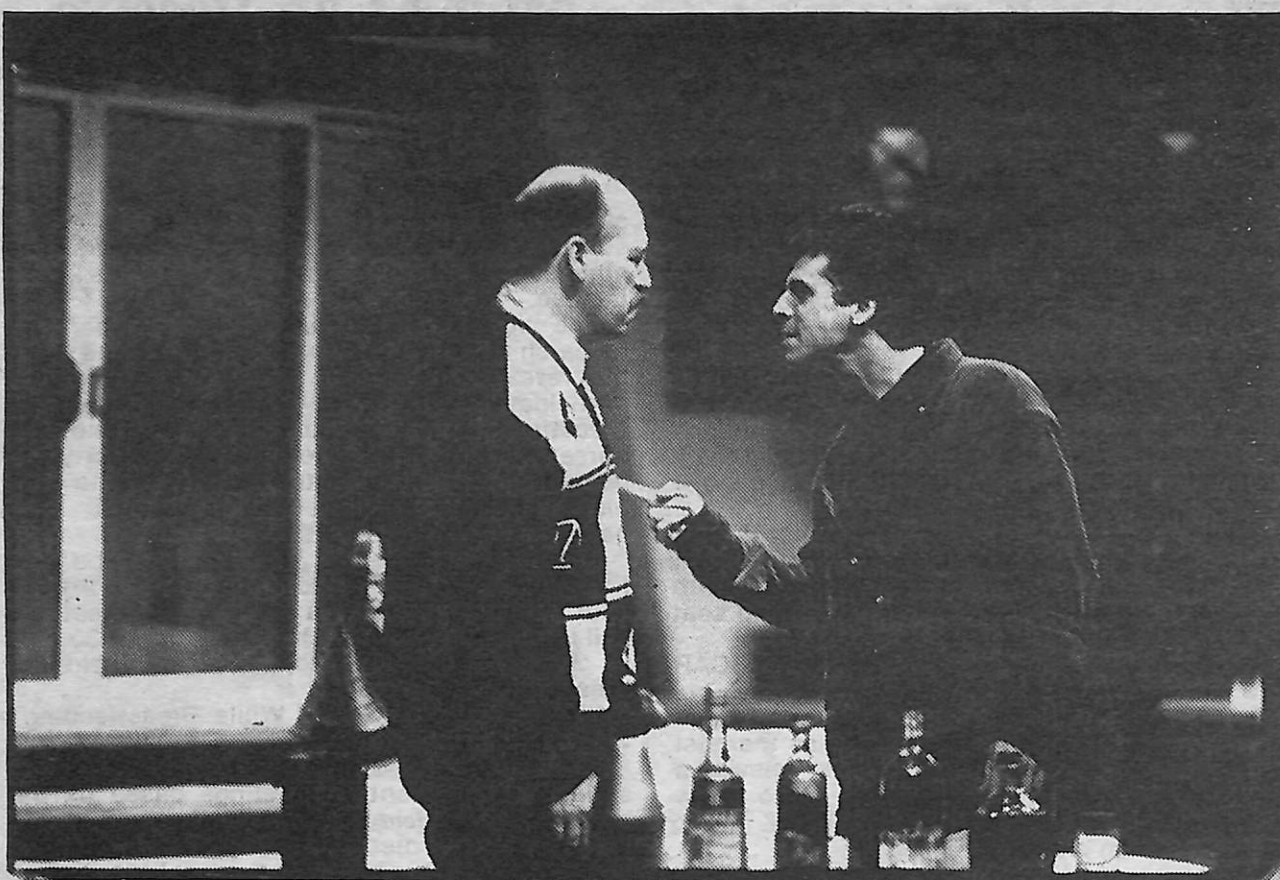
The play, which opened the 1994-95 season recently, centers on the mystery-writing partnership of Harold Kent (Julian Gamble) and Paul Riggs (T. Ryder Smith), the former an upwardly mobile writer whose investment of royalties has yielded big returns and even bigger frustrations over his partner's downward spiral into alcoholism, procrastination, and financial chaos.

As the two talk about splitting up the once-profitable and congenial partnership, a real-life murder plot unfolds, with Kent and wife Emma (Alison Gamble) planning to drug the unsuspecting Riggs and leave him to die in the cold on the penthouse terrace while they travel in America.

But all is not what it seems. In peeling back the layers of the plot, we find mistresses, illicit affairs, and a series of twists and turns that culminates in a terrific ending—and if you are new to the realm of murder mysteries, you're in for a terrific "surprise" ending...

If, however, you're a devotee of the genre, you'll find the first hour-and-a-half a bit slow going, to say nothing of predictable. Mystery fans will find themselves second-guessing the plot with a great deal of accuracy, a flaw attributed to the playwright, not the players. However, no one gets off the hook easy...

Neither Gamble nor Smith deliver the energy that would have made this production the powerhouse opening it could have been and should have been. Gamble was a little too calm, calculating, and cajoling; Smith was closer to the mark with his portrayal of a man on the "edge" of just about everything (including the infamous ledge).



JULIAN GAMBLE (as Harold Kent) and T. Ryder Smith (as Paul Riggs), the two authors whose stormy collaboration leads to mayhem in *MURDER BY MISADVENTURE*.

Also in the cast is Kenneth Ransom as Inspector Egan, who investigates the possible murder and definite disappearance of the dissolute Riggs. Ransom seems out of place, ill at ease, and out of sync with the rest of the cast, and he is never quite believable as the shrewd inspector he portrays ... though nothing in this actual plot is what it seems to be.

The entire play takes place in a stunning penthouse suite overlooking the English Channel. The set (by Keith Henery) is so intriguing it all but

distracts from the play.

Frederick King Keller directs this play, written by Edward Taylor. Keller moves his players well, but slowly through the first two-thirds of the work. By the time the players muster up the energy the mystery deserves, it's almost too late—at least for those who have already guessed the ending (which we won't disclose here).

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by Louis Pisano

Funny Flicks 4

Here is a brand new batch of side-splitting movies that will brighten up your whole weekend. Who else can make you laugh more than Frank Drebin, Ace Ventura, and Chevy Chase?

* *Naked Gun 3 1/3 - The Final Insult*

Director: Peter Segal. 1994. Rated PG-13. 1 hour and 26 minutes. Starring: Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley, George Kennedy, O.J. Simpson, and Fred Ward.

He has wreaked havoc as no other man ever could. He has immortalized the velcro-split suit. He has also returned one last time for a final insult. Enter Frank Drebin—Police Squad!

In the tradition of *The Naked Gun* and its first sequel, *Naked Gun 2 1/2 - The Smell Of Fear*, comes *Naked Gun 3 1/3 - The Final Insult*. Frank Drebin has retired from Police Squad to become a homemaker. However, he is called upon by his friends to return to help foil a ruthless criminal and his equally ruthless mother.

The film is a great sequel to the others and does (I'm happy to say) deliver some new laughs because this time, our fearless—and mindless—protagonist goes under cover as a convict.

The strange relationship between Drebin and Jane is further explored. We finally can see just how warped they both really are.

I'm ashamed to say that I didn't have high hopes for this third entry in a series I've enjoyed. Of course, I watched and laughed ... again!

If you enjoyed the first two, they you will be pleasantly surprised with *Naked Gun 3 1/3 - The Final Insult* because the third film in a series is usually the worst (based on movie history).

But rest assured, folks, the good trend is fully carried on to this one. Who knows, maybe we'll see a *Naked Gun 44.444 - The Repeating Decimal!* 3 1/2 STARS. (16 years and up.)

* *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*

Director: Tom Shadyac. 1994. Rated PG-13. 1 hour and 32 minutes. Starring: James Carrey, Sean Young, and Courtney Cox.

Relative newcomer Jim Carrey is a shining star again in this ludicrous but funny film about, well ... a pet detective. What is a pet detective, you ask? Well, let me tell you.

Carrey plays Ace Ventura, a detective whose specialty is tracking down lost pets. The film's hold becomes strong once Ventura is hired to find a stolen dolphin. His investigation (much to the entertainment of his colleagues on the force) leads him to a variety of dangers.

From sharks to a vindictive female boss, we watch Carrey perform his character to the hilt, making him so larger-than-life that you cannot help but laugh.

The film's not the best of the year and isn't better than Carrey's latest picture, *The Mask*, but it does make you laugh; and, when the film doesn't make you laugh, Carrey's physical approach to his acting does. *Ace Ventura* is a strange little romp that tries so hard to be innovative that you have to like it anyway.

Carrey saves the day by a long shot in this film because anyone else playing the strange title character would've made the film a sure bomb. 2 1/2 STARS. (16 years and up.)

* *Funny Farm*

Director: George Roy Hill. 1988. Rated PG. 1 hour and 41 minutes. Starring: Chevy Chase, Madolyn Smith, Joseph Maher, Brad Sullivan, and MacIntyre Dixon.

Chevy Chase starred in this lesser known film about a writer and his wife who move from the city to find peace in the country.

Now think about that last sentence and you'll

be able to predict what happens in this movie. As a matter of fact, that proves to be the major problem with this movie.

The sole reason why I suggest this film is because of Chevy Chase's energetic performance. Although he hadn't much to work with in terms of script or storyline, his physical humor will make you laugh in spite of the dreadful screenplay.

In a nutshell, the film's initial intention (I suspect) was to make its audience laugh at the film as a whole. It winds up, however, being

Chevy's appeal that makes for most of the laughs.

Nonetheless, laughter is the end result; it's just that the filmmakers were the ones that must have been on the funny farm and not Mr. Chase. 1 1/2 STARS. (15 years and up.)

(WRITER'S POSTSCRIPT: I want to know what you think of "Pisano's Picks ... On Video." So send your comments, requests, and even your letters of damnation straight to me in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

Polish Club Women's Auxiliary To Hold 12th Annual Craft Fair On October 15th

On October 15th, the Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club of Agawam will hold their 12th Annual Craft Fair at the club's pavilion, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills (Route 57—1/4-mile from Feeding Hills Center).

This year's fair will display some of the finest creations in our area. Delicious goodies made by our ladies will be for sale, along with cabbage and potato/cheese pierogi to take home for the

holidays.

The ladies will also have Polish and American foods for those who would like to "sit a bit" and enjoy a light lunch. Available in the kitchen will be kielbasa sandwiches, pierogi, golompki, hot dogs, etc.

The doors open at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and snacks will be available until 4:00 p.m. Tell all your friends about the fair and come and enjoy!



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Agawam Poetry

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

Legend Of Columbus

*Three ships set out from a Spanish strand,
In hopes of discovering a far-away land;
Three well-rigged ships set out one day,
With a courageous pilot to lead the way;*

*The Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria, asail,
Carried brave anxious people, o'er a sea-going trail;
A well-charted course by Columbus, was planned;
For his adventurous journey to a far-distant land;*

*The ships were tossed into unruly motion,
By the turbulent waves of an ungracious ocean;
Withstanding the sea, was a strenuous life,
With many dire hardships, worries, and strife;*

*Bravely and steady, the pilgrims prevail,
They weathered the storms, and batted the sail;
They finally arrived at the land of their dreams,
Of snow-crested mountains, and crystal-clear streams;*

*In America's history, penned with great glory,
Is the poignant analogy of Columbus' great story;
So to Christopher Columbus proclaim in great measure,
For our wonderful land, our heart's greatest treasure.*

Lest I Say Good-bye

*I'm never going to say good-bye,
There'll never be a reason why;
I'll have to shun my way of life,
And finally succumb to endless strife;*

*I'll live in every day of storm,
And every day of sunshine, warm;
I'll walk down shady country lanes,
Hear birds, on wing, in sweet refrains;*

*Every season, a beauty unfolds,
I treasure the magic each one holds;
The robin red-breast, stout with child,
And father protector, gentle and mild;*

*The rabbit hopping through the weeds,
Foraging for his family's needs;
Finds some joy in my garden's reap,
To take back to his hollow deep;*

*The birds, with vestage bright of hue,
Are coming to my feeders too;
But the squirrels with every quivering tails,
Scare off the birds, and the feeder assails;*

*And let me tell you of my friend the dove,
He cautiously views the scene from above;
And if ever there comes a quiet cease,
He enters in with love and peace;*

*I started to say I could not go,
And God's little creatures will make it so;
So when you hear a bird in song,
Or a squirrel or bunny hopping along;*

*Think of me and my love of life,
And how I won over pain and strife;
And give the best of yourself each day,
And know I'm beside you along the way.*

Westfield Theatre Rehearsing Popular Neil Simon Comedy

The Westfield Theatre Group is currently rehearsing Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*, which is slated to open at the Westfield Woman's Club on November 11th.

The show is being directed by Allan Millette, and stars Dick Sullivan of Westfield as Felix Unger, and Bern Larsen of West Springfield as Oscar Madison.

The show portrays the life of two middle-aged men whose circumstances lead them to share an apartment. Oscar is long-ago divorced when Felix suddenly finds that his marriage of 12 years is over. When Oscar asks Felix to move in with him, he never dreams of the problems that will occur.

Other cast members include Rick Buzzee, Bob Martin, and Larry Andersen of Westfield, with Ernie Desroches from Chicopee rounding out the cast of card playing friends. The British neighbors, Gwendolyn and Cecily Pigeon, are played by Mary Kelleher Baker and Mary Fernandez-Sierra.

Show dates are November 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th at 8:00 p.m., with a special 2:00 p.m. show on November 19th. All shows will be held at the Westfield Women's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors. Reservations can be made by calling 413-572-6838. The Box Office will be open Monday through Thursday evenings, starting October 31st.

On Golden Pond By Ag. Rep. Theatre

After 46 years of married life, Ethel and Norman Thayer are still very much in love. Experience their love through the creative energies brought to life in Agawam Repertory Theater's production, *On Golden Pond* by Ernest Thompson.

Jean Deresienska is the charming, energetic, and lovable Ethel Thayer, while Jud Pooler plays her peppery counterpart. Supporting the lead roles are Stephen Mangine as Charlie the mailman, Robert Kay as Bill Ray, Mindy DeTora as Chelsea, and Luke Kozikowski as Billy.

On Golden Pond will be performed October 14th, 15th, and 16th. Performances are at 8:00 p.m., with one matinee on the 16th at 2:00 p.m.

Join us *On Golden Pond*, The First Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. Reserve your tickets by calling 786-7700.

On Golden Pond is being supported, in part, by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Agawam Rotary To Sponsor Art Auction

Rosemary Sandlin, President of the Agawam Chapter of Rotary International, has announced that the Agawam Rotary is sponsoring its annual Art Auction on October 18th at Chez Josef.

Preview time will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the auction will promptly start at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5, and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The auction is being coordinated in collaboration with Marlin Art Inc. from New York and will feature art in all media and price ranges. Major credit cards, cash, and personal checks will be accepted.

"This is one of the major fund-raising endeavors of the Rotary, and all proceeds from the sale of art will be used to fund civic and community projects throughout the year," concluded Sandlin.

For advance tickets, call Rosemary Sandlin at 786-6033 or any member of the Agawam Rotary. Tickets will also be on sale at the door.

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MICHELLE LAPALME

Michelle LaPalme Guest Artist Of Cultural Council

Agawam Community Artists, under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council, was proud to offer another cultural enrichment program highlighting accomplished area artist and educator Michele LaPalme.

The demonstration and lecture on the use of acrylics was held at the Captain Leonard House located at 663 Main Street in Agawam from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

This was only the second program that highlights both professional artists and artisans for professionals as well as the general public free of charge.

LaPalme received her bachelor of arts degree from Mount Holyoke College and her master's degree in education from the Hartford Art School at the University of Hartford.

An art educator since 1967, LaPalme presently teaches Art Education at the Hartford Public High School in addition to her demanding career as an artist and community member.

During the demonstration, LaPalme stated that the blank canvas becomes the artist's "personal vision." She enjoys collecting color combinations she sees in ads and only uses photos as references. Her main focus in completing a work of art is values, color, and texture, with an emphasis on brush strokes.

LaPalme continued, "My paintings represent my emotional reaction to landscape, especially New England." Her emphasis is placed on "horizontal bands of color that seem to fuse with one another, interspersed with the verticals of growth." The result, LaPalme explained, is an image that seems to be slightly "out of focus."

She elaborated, "Frequently, I concentrate on areas where there are tight patterns of interwoven color, as seen in nature, and complement them with flat color areas."

The interrelationship between form and the process of LaPalme's work can be seen in all her works to one degree or another.

Whether she is doing work in acrylics or pen and ink, LaPalme states that the brush or pen stroke is quite evident in her work and imply "vigor and constant change."

LaPalme states that she loves color because of its brilliance and nature of surprise. She approaches her pen and ink work in a similar fashion by using rich layers of broken tone to create dramatic imagery.

"I combine memory, observation, and imagination on canvas and paper to interpret nature in landscape, still life, and figure," she concluded.

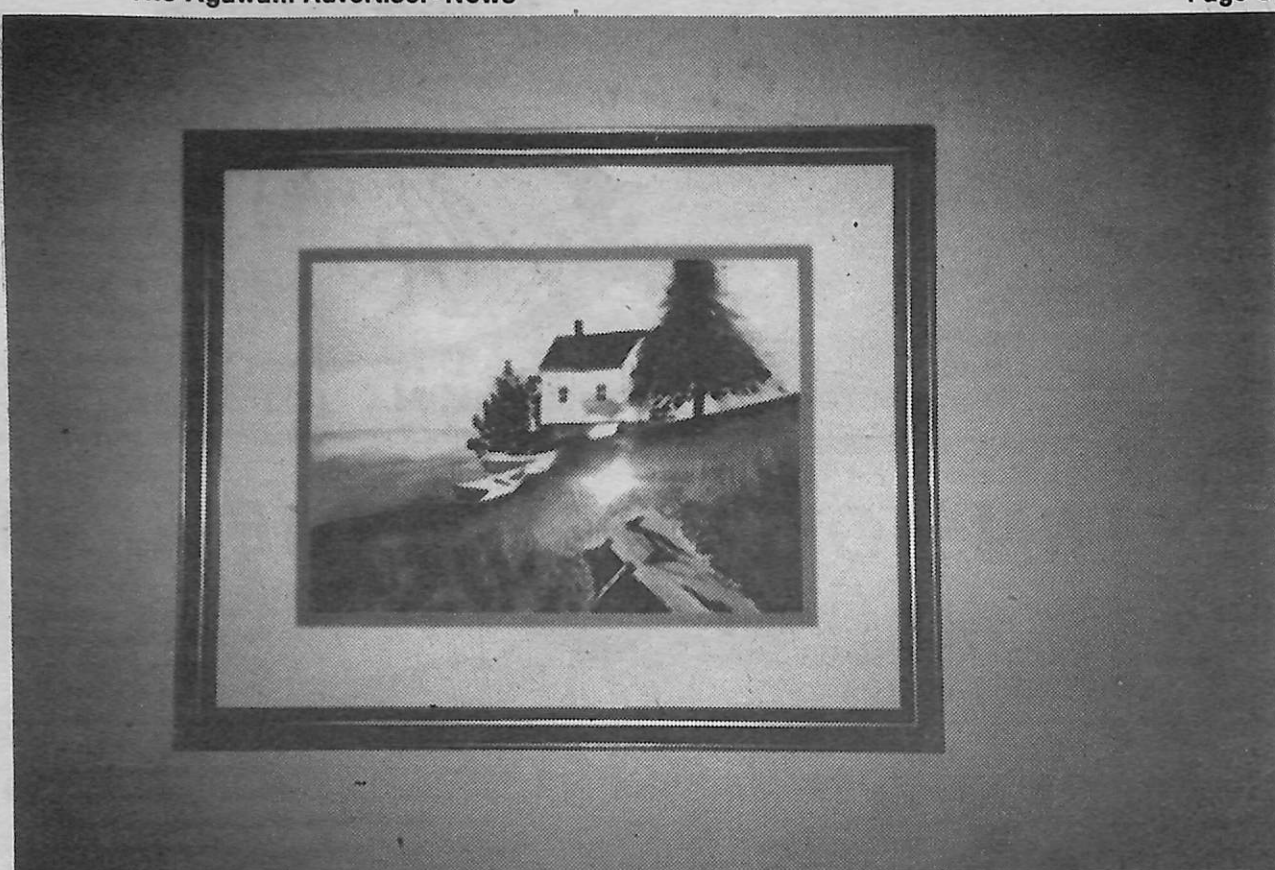
A resident of Agawam, LaPalme's work is included in corporate and private collections throughout the Northeast. Her work is extensively shown in area galleries and she has received professional recognition at both regional and state levels.

LaPalme continues to exhibit her work in regional shows in Massachusetts and Connecticut and has exhibited her work in numerous one-person shows.

LaPalme has served as president of the Springfield Art League (1987-1989) and as a chair of the League's 75th Anniversary Celebration from 1991 to 1994.

Anyone interested in the above artist, Agawam Community Artists, membership, or future art programs may contact Florida Tangocci at 786-3689 or DeBorah A. Allen at 786-6087.

Best hometown news...



THE ART OF COMMUNITY ARTIST PHYLIS BIGDA is now on display at the Agawam Post Office.

Community Artist Phylis Bigda Exhibiting Art During October At Agawam Post Office

Through the month of October, Agawam Community Artist Phylis Bigda will exhibit her art at the Agawam Post Office.

Phylis is a member of the National Society of Decorative Painters, Inc. Decorative artists Mary Jo Leisure and Peggy Hobbs have greatly inspired her.

Decorative painting is a diverse art form that utilizes a variety of techniques and media to decorate both functional and non-functional surfaces.

Watercolor painting has recently added a new and exciting dimension to Ms. Bigda's art. She has great admiration for watercolor artists Zoltan Szabo, Charles Reid, and Tom Lynch.

Phylis is honored and delighted to be a member of the Agawam Community Artists. She explains

that she particularly enjoys the demonstrations given by member artists and sharing "art talk" with them.

As an artist, Ms. Bigda is eager to learn—to sharpen her skills and talents, and to experience new horizons in art.

Agawam Community Artists is under auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council. Membership is open to both professionals and non-professional persons interested in art.

Anyone interested in the above artist or the Agawam Community Artists can contact Florida Tangocci at 786-3689 or DeBorah A. Allen at 786-6087.

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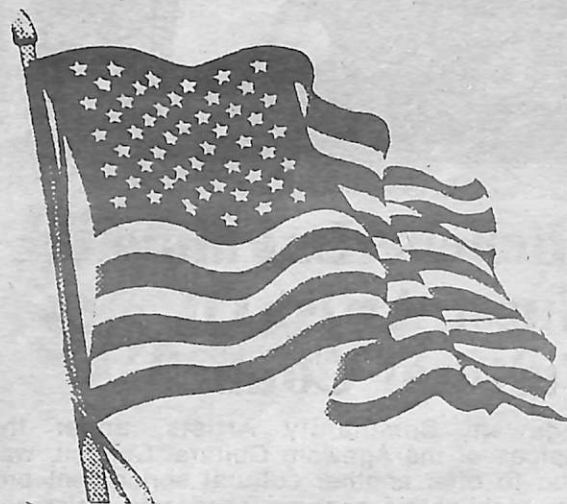
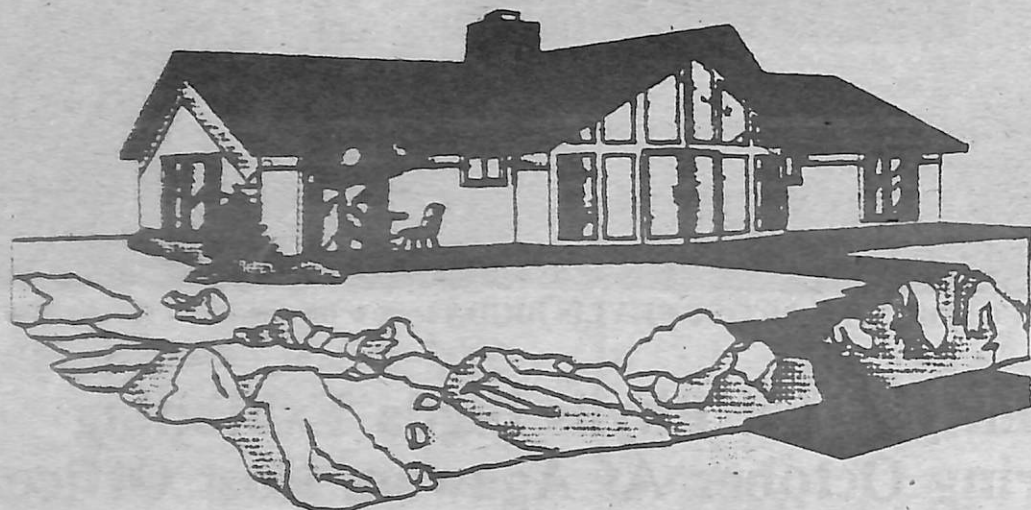
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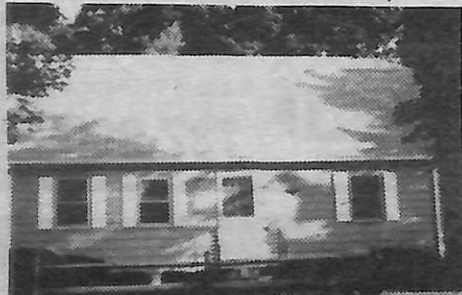
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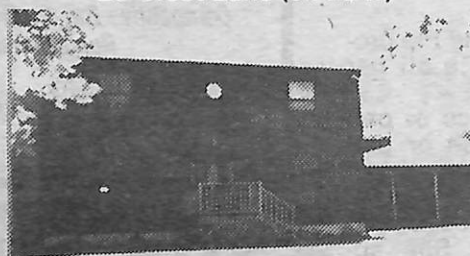


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We, the following citizens of Agawam, urge you to vote **NO** on Question #11.

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Through the years, River side Park has been good busines for Agawam. But what about Lady Luck Gaming Corp. of Las Vegas?

In reports filed with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance detailing the effort to promote the casino project, Lady Luck has already donated \$25,000.00 outright (compared to only \$2,000.00 from Riverside) . Lady Luck has also spent \$97,475.00 of "in-kind" contributions, including \$48,948.00 to hire a Boston public relations and political consulting firm (compared to only \$31,620.00 from Riverside). Obviously, Lady Luck is very interested in the financial potential of a casino in Agawam and will have a controlling interest in the venture. **But does Lady Luck care about Agawam? The answer is NO!**

What's the track record of casino companies improving other communities into which they have come? The record is poor indeed.

In voting on Question #11 please consider whether this is the kind of "business" we want to encourage and welcome to our community.

The Sound Of Music Being Staged By F.H. Hilltop Players

The Richardson family of Pheasant Run Circle, Feeding Hills, has made theatre a family affair as they rehearse together for the upcoming production of "The Sound of Music" at The Red Door Theatre.

Brother and sister Ryan and Erin Richardson are no strangers to the entertainment business even at the young ages of 11 and seven years-old, respectively.

Ryan, who attends Agawam Middle School, is an accomplished dancer and gymnast and has won many awards for his four years of training (including "gold" at The Show Biz competition at Cathedral High School). He has also performed with The Frank Hatchett Company at Symphony Hall.

Ryan will be playing the role of young Kurt Von Trapp in "The Sound of Music" and says of his experience, "I love the comedy and singing, although the three- and four-part harmony is very hard. People will like this production because it makes you laugh and cry at the same time."

His sister, Erin, loves to sing and recently won the Miss Agawam talent contest for her age group this year. She was also a Miss Westfield Fair talent winner. A fourth grade student at Granger School, Erin will play the part of another of the Von Trapp children, Marta. She finds it most challenging "singing and acting with other people" rather than going solo.

Their mother, Laura Richardson, is returning to the theatre after a long absence. She was active in the stage chorus for the Agawam High School musicals and played the lead role of Maria in their



IN A SCENE FROM The Hilltop Players' "The Sound of Music," Maria (Margie Secora, with guitar) teaches the Von Trapp children to sing (from left to right): Friedrich (Ross Kelly), Louisa (Melody Serafino), Gretl (Faith King), Marta (Erin Richardson), Liesl (Betsy Ingraham), Kurt (Ryan Richardson), and Brigitta (Amy Modzelesky). "The Sound of Music" will be performed at The Red Door Theatre, 152 So. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, on October 21st, 22nd, 28th, and 29th at 7:30 p.m., and October 23rd at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5; call 789-2026 for reservations.

production of "The Sound of Music." When asked how she was enjoying her return, she replied, "I'm having a lot of fun being a part of a production like this and being around such nice people who share a common interest." Laura will be portraying one of the nuns, Sister Berthe, in The Hilltop Players' presentation which will run October 21st, 22nd, 28th and 29th at 7:30 p.m., and October 23rd at 2:00 p.m.

This is the Richardsons' first community theatre venture, but judging from their enthusiastic response to acting together, it won't be their last!

"The Sound of Music" will be performed in the intimate 130-seat theatre space of The Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. All tickets are \$5 and reservations may be made by calling (413) 789-2026.

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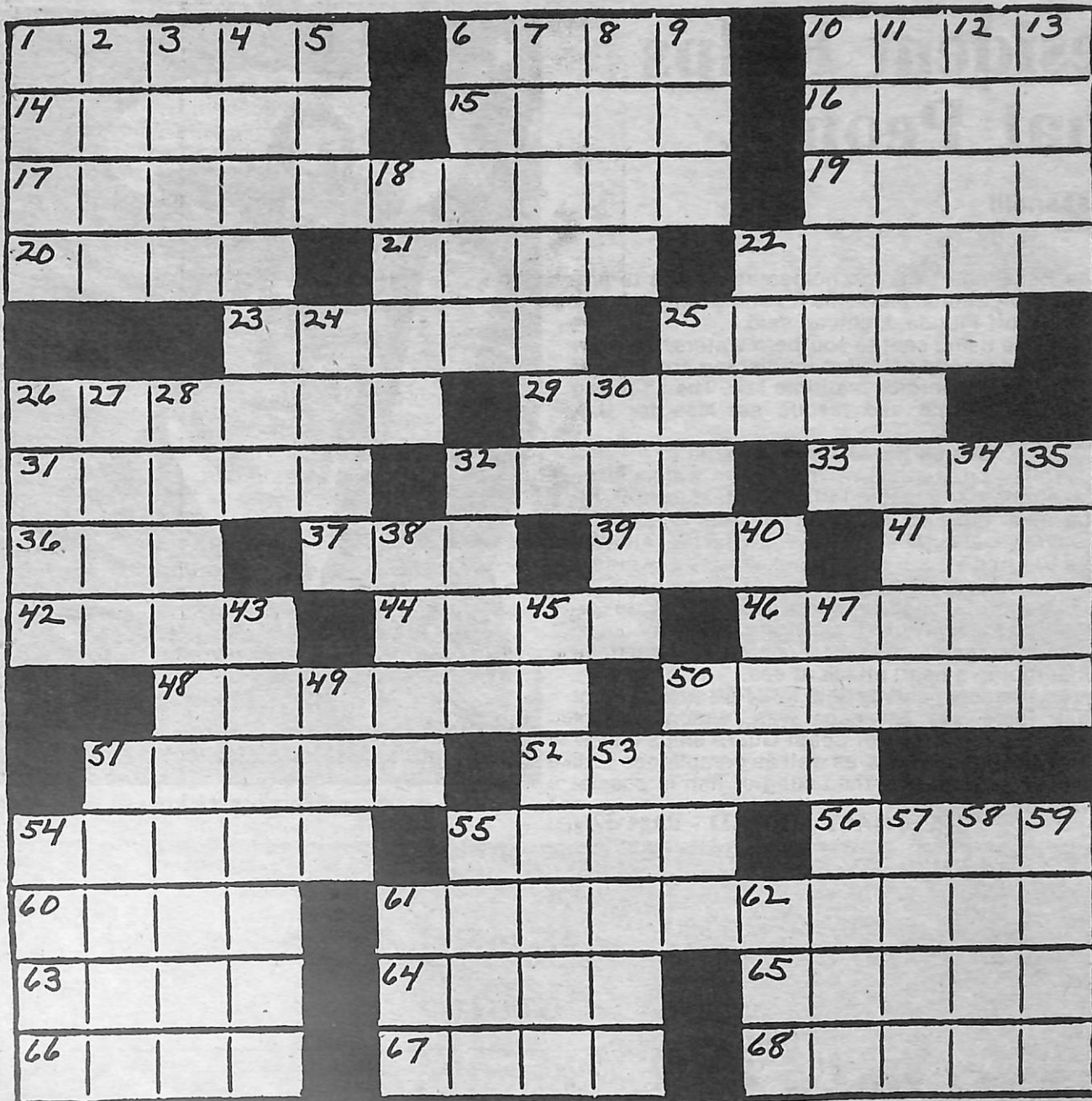
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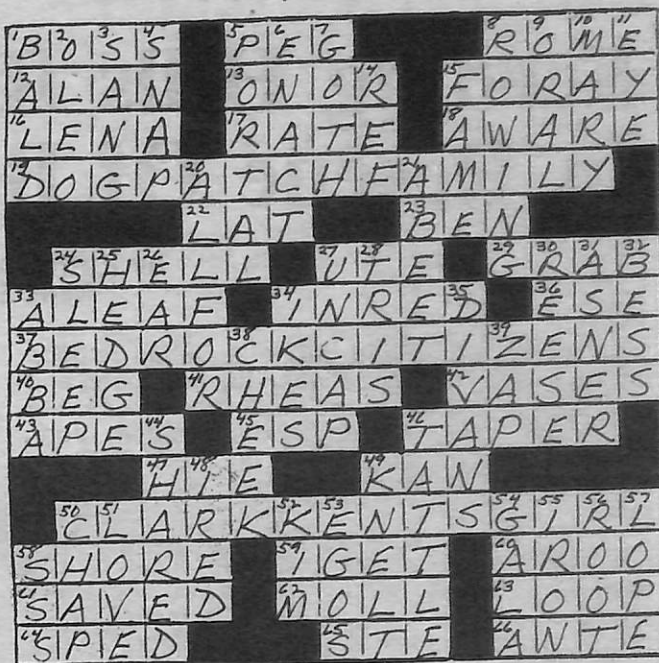
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Last Week's Solution...



Smith College Chamber To Open Music Series At Old First Church

On Sunday, October 23rd, at Old First Church, Court Square, Springfield, the inaugural concert in the Music at First series will be The Smith College Chamber Orchestra.

The concert, which begins at 4:00 p.m., is free and open to the public. A reception will follow, allowing patrons to enjoy the exhibit on display in the First Church Gallery.

The orchestra is comprised of Smith College students and augmented by professionals from the Smith community. It is directed by Philipp Naegel, Professor of Music at Smith College.

Dr. Naegel, a musicologist and former member of the Cleveland Orchestra under George Szell, is well-known in the Pioneer Valley from his long-standing association with the Marlboro Festival.

Three soloists will perform with the orchestra. Paul Flight, a counter-tenor and choral conductor in the music department of Smith College, will perform songs of Purcell. Violinist Carolyn Hunt, a Smith College senior and student of Professor Naegel, will be the soloist in the C major Concerto for Violin and Orchestra by Joseph Haydn. John Buskirk, pianist and a member of the Smith College faculty since 1986, will be the soloist in the Keyboard Concerto in E major by Johann Sebastian Bach.

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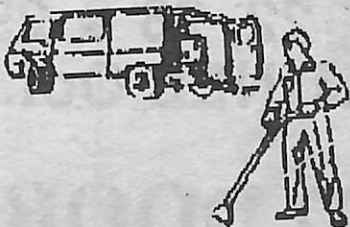
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Feeding Hills Resident Helps In Rescue Of Boat People

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

To a dehydrated and delirious Cuban refugee floating in the waters between his homeland and the coast of Florida on the inner tube of a car tire for seven days, Feeding Hills resident John Lightcap and his crewmates on the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Escanaba seemed like angels of mercy.

"When we came alongside, he thought he'd been rescued by angels and was on his way to heaven," Lightcap said. "He was in the worst shape of anyone we picked up. He looked like a prune and fish had begun biting his feet."

A little over a year into his four year commitment to the Coast Guard, the 1993 graduate of Agawam High School has seen duty in the waters off the East Coast of the USA ranging from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

On a recent search and rescue mission in the waters off Key West, Florida, the Escanaba's crew picked up hundreds of Cubans desperately trying to reach the U.S. on almost anything that would float.

Three Generations On A 10' x 12' Raft

Three generations of one family that ranged in age from four months to 80 years set out to sea on a 10 by 12 foot raft. It stayed afloat by 50 gallon drums lashed onto a flat platform. It had a makeshift canopy as the only protection from the sun and the weather. With a car engine mounted onto a propellor, the raft was the most seaworthy vessel intercepted by the Escanaba on its southern cruise.

Kept barely afloat by the hollow drums, the raft was awash in a calm sea as the family took refugees from less seaworthy crafts, Lightcap said.

According to Lightcap, the refugees taken aboard the Escanaba were housed on the ship's flight deck under a canopy. Here, they received emergency medical aid and humanitarian aid before being sent to the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"I can't even count the number of times we've been to Gitmo (as the naval base is known in military jargon)," Lightcap said.

In addition to food and medical assistance, the refugees were provided with showering facilities on the Escanaba as they waited for the arrival of the rendezvous ship to take them to the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay.

The refugees picked up by the Escanaba were people from all walks of life, including doctors, college professors, lawyers, and veterinarians, Lightcap said.

"Some came with food and supplies as if they had put some planning into it. Some came with all their clothes and household goods to start a new life. Others came with nothing. They were so desperate to escape," Lightcap said.

The mission to rescue the Cuban boat people gave the Escanaba's crew the opportunity to put their lifesaving skills to the test.

"This was our most rewarding tour," Lightcap said. "It gave us the chance to use the search and rescue skills we've trained for."

After the refugees were taken off their makeshift rafts, a marine detachment sailing on

the Escanaba sank the homemade boats to prevent navigational problems for ships sailing in the waters off Florida, Lightcap said.

Before being sent to southern waters, the crew of the Escanaba patrolled the fishing grounds off Cape Cod to enforce maritime law. The ship also provided search and rescue services for U.S. fishing vessels.

Search For Missing Crewmen

While on patrol in northern waters, the Escanaba participated in the fruitless search for the five missing crewmen of the Gloucester fishing vessel, Italian Gold. While the life raft from the ill-fated vessel was found, the crew was lost during a storm at sea.

Among Escanaba's successes, Lightcap recounted the story of a lifesaving call to a medi-vac helicopter summoned to evacuate a fisherman undergoing a heart attack at sea.

As the commanding ship in a law enforcement task force, the Escanaba was responsible for directing the efforts of Coast Guard ships checking safety regulations, as well as compliance with the requirements for the taking of fish in coastal waters.

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JOHN LIGHTCAP



HELPLESS CUBAN BOAT PEOPLE are being rescued by members of the Coast Guard Cutter Escanaba in the Florida Straits.



IN THE FLORIDA STRAITS, an injured Cuban is transferred to the cutter Escanaba.

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Lightcap explained that after checking with a central computer data bank, fishing vessels are stopped for routine inspections or for suspected violations of maritime laws.

"If there is reason to believe there is a problem or if a ship has a record of past violations, or if a ship hasn't been inspected for a year, the Coast Guard will board the ship," Lightcap said.

On a recent inspection of a fishing vessel off New Bedford, Lightcap said the Escanaba found the ship violating the law for taking fish under the size requirements and for illegally taking female lobsters. Lightcap said the violations were likely to result in fines of \$10,000 for the owners of the ship.

Assigned to the Escanaba as a fireman for at least one more year, Lightcap is on several waiting lists for specialized training offered by the Coast Guard. With many looking to make a career in the Coast Guard, the wait can be as long as two years for entry into the special schools.

Hoping to enter the training program for aviation survival to prepare him for helicopter-launched rescues at sea, Lightcap noted, "I'm waiting it out."

As one of the two rescue swimmers on call on the Escanaba 24 hours a day, Lightcap said, "I'd like my career to be saving lives, full-time. I'm looking for a more people-oriented, more satisfying career."

Currently assigned to a post in the Escanaba's engine room, Lightcap is putting his long-time interest in mechanics to use in his duties centering on routine maintenance on the ship's diesel engines and monitoring the ship's vital operating systems.

Whenever the Escanaba puts in to its homeport in Boston Harbor, Lightcap finds time for a visit home with family and friends.

High on his list of priorities during weekends spent at home is working on his motorcycle. "I like to play with my Harley Davidson whenever I can," Lightcap said.

Finding "incredible" opportunities in the Coast Guard, Lightcap said, "I feel I'm doing things my (high school) friends will never get to do. I've learned how to push myself and how to set a goal and achieve it."

When on leave from his Coast Guard duties, Lightcap resides at home in Feeding Hills with his parents, Tom and Ellen, his brother, Josh, and his sister, Erin.

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A HELICOPTER LANDS ON THE FLIGHT DECK of the Coast Guard Cutter Escanaba in top photo; in photo below, the Escanaba docked in port in Boston Harbor.



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AREA MATH TEACHERS involved with the nation's first electronic learning community, in conjunction with PBS and coordinated locally by WGBY/57 included Agawam Junior High math teacher Nancy Farrell (standing, sixth from left).

Jr. High Math Teacher Nancy Farrell Participant In Electronic Learning Community

Twenty-seven middle school mathematics educators from throughout Western Massachusetts, including Nancy Farrell from the Agawam Junior High School, have embarked on a high-tech mission to improve mathematics teaching standards and the math achievement of students for years to come—through **Mathline: The Middle School Math Project** for grades five through eight, the nation's first "electronic learning community" for teachers, designed by PBS and coordinated locally by WGBY/57.

The group recently gathered at the WGBY studios, where they joined in, via satellite, **Mathline's** 489 other participants to launch the project. The **Middle School Math Project** is the first phase of an in-service training program which will eventually include teachers from kindergarten through grade 12.

Using **Mathline's** on-line computer system, participants are collaborating with their counterparts both locally and across the U.S. on ways to best implement new standards set by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). These standards emphasize reasoning, problem-solving, and communicating rather than rote learning.

As **Mathline** Director L. Carey Bolster explained at the videoconference, the **Middle School Math Project** gets teachers away from old-style "shop-keeper math" and prepares students for a technologically advanced, competitive world job market. Making mathematics concepts imitate real-world situations that students can understand will be part of the ongoing dialogue fostered by **Mathline**. Local participants agree that the net-

working opportunities afforded by the project will be of great value to them in the classroom.

Mathline also includes a series of 25 video lessons taped in actual classrooms to help teachers learn to teach math in newer, more innovative ways. These videos provide fodder to on-line brainstorming. Two local facilitators provide support and orchestrate discussions and activities for the Western Massachusetts group.

In addition, the project calls for another videoconference in February to encourage further teacher interaction.

WGBY is one of 20 PBS stations nationwide to take part in **The Middle School Math Project**, and the only site in Massachusetts and Connecticut to deliver the service to area schools and provide needed computer support. WGBY also recruits the local facilitators and oversees the teacher application process, which will begin again in the early spring.

Mathline: The Middle School Math Project is funded in part by the AT&T Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Local funding is provided by a \$10,000 grant from the Alice and Patrick McGinty Foundation which offers assistance to educators and students to enhance their academic achievements and fulfill their educational objectives.

WGBY/57 is public television for Western New England providing unique and indispensable educational resources to the region. **Mathline** takes WGBY's commitment to education in a revolutionary new direction, and will provide teachers with the tools to significantly improve math education.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 17th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven potato puffs, seasoned green & wax beans, chilled mixed fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, October 18th: Cheeseburg in roll, mustard, relish, catsup, steamed parsley rice, seasoned mixed vegetables, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Wednesday, October 19th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, sweet & sour dipping sauce, sweet peas & carrots, wheat bread & butter, sweet potato spice cake with icing or fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, October 20th: Baked hamburger & macaroni with tomato sauce, Italian bread & butter, seasoned broccoli cuts, peach crisp or raspberry jello, milk.

Friday, October 21st: Tomato and macaroni soup, grilled cheese sandwich with pickle chips, tossed garden salad with Italian dressing, fruit cup or ice cream bar, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: **The Agawam School Lunch.**)

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Middle School PTO News & Activities

The Agawam Middle School PTO Board meeting was held October 3rd with approximately 20 parents attending. The staff was represented by Mr. Zavarella, Mr. Conte, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Jackowski, and Mrs. Bartnik.

Susan Federico, Jan Lapins, and Sue Dempsey were elected to fill the three vacant positions on the Middle School Council.

Robert King, a storyteller, will present two programs, one at 9:00 a.m. and the other at 10:20 a.m. on October 13th.

Special requests were approved for Mrs. DeFilipi, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Lester, and Mr. Jackowski.

Mrs. Bartnik spoke about the Child Assault Prevention Project (C.A.P.P.), which is presently in place in all of the elementary schools in town. A team of volunteers presents a program in the classroom encouraging the children to be assertive of their rights to be safe, strong, and free.

Volunteers are needed to go through a training program and volunteer in a school system, possibly outside of Agawam. If you are interested in applying for this, please contact Phyllis Lewis at Granger School or Darlene Woolson at the Phelps School as soon as possible.

Students are encouraged to dress up in Halloween costumes on October 31st. A suggested donation of 25 cents will be taken for UNICEF.

Because of the severe budget cuts, Mr. Jackowski, our computer teacher, is in need of 3½ and 5¼ diskettes and surge protectors. In addition, Mr. Jackowski would like to know if anyone is aware of companies that are upgrading their computer systems and would like to donate the equipment being replaced to our school. Please get in touch with Mr. Jackowski if you can help.

The Home Information Center of Hampden County-East Longmeadow, Inc., 15 Baldwin St., East Longmeadow has extended an invitation to our students to participate in their after-school classes listed below.

JEWELRY-MAKING - Design your own creations. Four weeks, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Begins Tuesday October 25th. Instructor: Sandra Torrence. **Grades five through eight.** \$24.00.

SEWING - Learn this valuable skill that you can use throughout your lifetime. For beginners and experienced. Also, learn how to make fun Christmas gifts. Five weeks, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Begins Wednesday, November 9th. Instructor: Sarah Hopkins. **Ten years-old and up.** \$35.00.

POTTERY - Have fun developing your creative ability. Five weeks, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Begins Wednesday, November 9th. Instructor: Frances Staryos. **Nine years-old and up.** \$35.00.

3-D PROJECTS - (Includes Papier Mache/Sculpture) Make unique projects. Begins Monday, October 17th or November 14th. Instructor: Clare Doyle (Four week sessions), **Grades 3 through 5.** \$24.00.

PAINTING WITH TEMPERA - Enjoy exploring ways to work with different colors. Four weeks, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Begins Tuesday, October 18th or November 15th. **Grades 1-3.** Instructor: Clare Doyle. \$24.00.

THEATER - Five weeks, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Learn to build your self-esteem while having fun. **Ages seven through teen.** Begins Wednesday, November 9th. Instructor: J.D. Ayers. \$35.00.

WEAVING - Enjoy learning the secrets of this awesome skill. Five weeks, 3:30-4:45 p.m. **Ages seven through 14 years.** Begins Thursday, October 13th. Instructor: Kathy Kyte. \$35.00.

Please remember that the Middle School still participates in the Campbell's Labels for Education Program. This is an excellent opportunity to obtain much-needed school equipment - FREE.

Please support this by buying the Campbell items and sending the proofs of purchase into school.

The next PTO Board meeting is Monday, November 7th. We hope that many Middle School parents will make an effort to attend.

Happy 16th Birthday, Kelly!

Love,
"Big Al," Ter, Selena & Jeff



Theresa Porter and her husband, William Porter.

Theresa Porter Returns From Internship In Richmond, Virginia

Theresa Porter has just returned from a one-year psychology internship at the Federal Correctional Institution in Richmond, Virginia.

She graduated in June with a doctorate in psychology from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Theresa is now employed at the Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury, Connecticut.

She is married to William Porter of Meridan, Connecticut, and is the daughter of Eileen and Richard LaBarre of Feeding Hills.

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Preserving Amazon Basin Subject Of Learning Unit At Robinson Park

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

If you want to know more about the variety of life found in tropical rainforests and the importance of preserving the world's rainforests, just ask a Robinson Park School student.

On a recent whirlwind "tour" of South American rainforests, the children discovered some of the secrets of a world where trees soaring 100 feet in the air are home to plants, animals, and insects that exist nowhere else on earth.

In a 45-minute slideshow, Brian Cassie of Foxboro brought the wonders of the rainforest to life as he shared the photos and memories he's gathered as a tour guide in Central and South America since 1980.

Unlike the New England forests the children are used to seeing, the rainforests are made up of many different kinds of trees that are home to plants, animals, and insects that only live on a particular type of tree.

The slides served as a window into an exotic world where orchids drip off the trees and 300 different kinds of hummingbirds live.

Noting that the presentation tied in with the fourth grade social studies curriculum, Barbara Regish said, "This made the children zero-in on another continent. It's great for the children to have someone who's actually been there."

Cassie held the children's interest as he entertained and informed them with a steady stream of rainforest lore: three-toed sloths have no toes; capuchin monkeys scare off tourists by showering them with sticks; howler monkeys also "shower" unwanted guests; iguanas are disappearing from the rainforests because they taste so good; snakes, not crocodiles, are the most dangerous animals in the rainforest.

Education Is Essential For Preservation

Cassie told the students the most important thing they can do to help preserve the rainforests is to become more educated.

When the rainforests are cleared to make way for cattle ranching, about 800,000 pounds of vegetation will be destroyed to produce just one quarter-pound hamburger, Cassie said.

"Go learn some more stuff. I just scratched the surface," Cassie said.

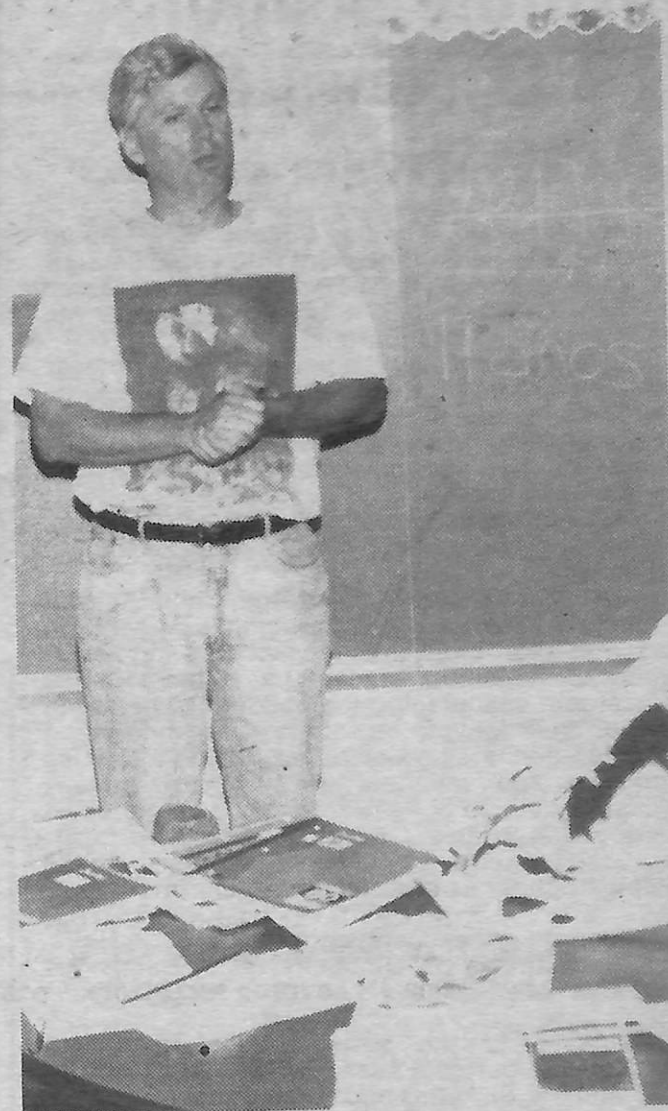
In workshop sessions for the third and fourth graders, Cassie showed the students some of his collection of articles from the rainforest. These include the skull of a caiman (like a crocodile) and a poison dart blow gun he purchased for a dollar from a native of the rainforest.

Taking aim at the bulletin board in Deborah Buzzie's third grade class, Cassie told the students the Indians carried the poison darts in their hand when hunting in the rainforest. "If you live in the rainforest, you have to learn to hunt," Cassie said. "You might have started to practice when you were nine or 10."

An art historian by training, Cassie has turned his interest in nature into a full-time career presenting educational programs in schools and writing children's books.

In addition to programs on the rainforests, Cassie offers day- or week-long programs focusing on the plant and animal life of the local environment.

Cassie said his tours of the rainforest are neither as primitive nor as expensive as people might think. Cassie takes his groups to the national parks where rainforests are being preserved and first-class hotel accommodations are nearby.



BRIAN CASSIE of Foxboro, an expert on the rainforests of South America, makes a point to Robinson Park fourth graders. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Town Residents Enter Bay Path As Freshmen For '94-'95

The following local residents have entered Bay Path College as members of the freshman class.

From Agawam: Sharon A. Jacaparo, daughter of Barbara Jacaparo of Chestnut Lane and Stephen R. Jacaparo of Canterbury Lane. A graduate of Agawam High School, she is enrolled in Bay Path's Early Childhood Education Program; Angela Hayward, daughter of Paula Montagna of

Meadow Street. A graduate of Agawam High School, she is enrolled in Bay Path's Early Childhood Education Program.

From Feeding Hills: Karen Lee Root, daughter of Burton and Claire Root of Robin Ridge Drive. A graduate of Agawam High School, she is enrolled in Bay Path's Health Administration Program.

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AHS Class Of 1959 Planning Reunion



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH CLASS OF 1959 are planning their upcoming class reunion. Committee members include, back row, from left - Richard Morassi, Sandra Mercier Magistri, Charlotte Beaulieu Venturini, Gail Grimes Longo, James Reynolds, Anthony DiCola, and Walter McCarthy. Seated - Elaine Demont McCarthy, Renee Benjamin Jury, Sandra Drenna Desmarais, and Nancy Crean Modzelewski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo
Chairman

Admissions Essays - A Student's Concern

If there is any part of the college application on which you cannot allow yourself the luxury of procrastination, it is the admissions essay, sometimes referred to as the "personal statement" or "application essay."

Most selective colleges require this sample of your written expression so that they can learn more about who you are before making a decision on your file. Some admissions offices feel strongly about the essay, citing it as one of the most important factors in the selection of students; others, particularly at large universities, rely on the personal statement mostly for borderline candidates.

Regardless of one's academic performance in high school, the essay carries some weight and one should be certain that his/her weight is thrown in the right direction.

Think of it as a chance to conduct an interview on paper. Students should not be afraid to open up, provided that what one says about oneself is relevant to his/her aspirations of attending the college to which he/she is applying.

Other students shy away from the problems they encountered in high school, such as failing grades during certain terms, and fail to explain or even mention them when there is evidence of their existence in their transcripts. This is a mistake.

You needn't give an excuse for every poor grade, but if you have a legitimate reason why your performance suffered during one semester or even a year, explain it.

Don't dwell on the negative, however. After all, you want to appear to be a positive candidate in spite of any difficulties you encountered.

HELPFUL HINTS

1. Give yourself enough time so that you can write your essay in stages.
2. Before you begin your essay, read the question and take time to reflect on what you are being asked.
3. Make a list of what you have done with your time in high school until now.
4. Make an outline of your essay, taking into consideration what you are being asked and what you have accomplished in high school.
5. When writing your essay, try to be as original as you can but not gimmicky or dishonest.

6. Spend some time away from your essay and then return with a fresh mind to look for typos, misspellings, and grammatical errors.

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Muhlenberg College - November 12th and November 19th.

Lasell College - November 6th.
Northeastern University - College of Engineering.

UMASS/Dartmouth - October 23rd, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

UMASS/Lowell - Every Saturday from November 12th to April 1st, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Regis College - October 30th, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hofstra - November 13th.

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Sports

Brownies Stop West Side In Searing Girls' Soccer Action

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

If you put the Agawam High/West Springfield High girls' soccer game played Monday night at cold Harmon Smith Field on a scale of one to 10, with 10 being tops, this one was definitely tops.

The 4-3 Brownie win in a game AHS Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney called "a nice turf war for local bragging rights," was indeed a war (a nice kind of war, though) which earned the locals the right to pat themselves on their collective backs.

West Side came into this one sporting a fine 7-1-1 record and had already defeated the Brownies last month. AHS, at 5-4-1, was banged up with two of its stars, senior forward Dina DeMarco and junior midfielder Erica Schlaffer out for the season with knee injuries.

But that didn't stop the healthy Brownies from doing a bang-up job of their own. The game started out fast and proceeded to get faster.

The Terriers got their first chance at 38:35 when forward Tara Allen streaked in on the AHS goal and launched one from 10 yards out. Sophomore goalie Melissa Troie, equal to the challenge, made a nice save.

A little over a minute later, West Side was buzzing around the goal again. This time they had a little better luck. Frosh forward Becky Donahue alertly gathered up a deflected shot and slipped it past Troie on the short side. 1-0 West Side at 37:30.

Brownies Get On Track

AHS, despite making some crisp passes and determined rushes on the Terrier net, seemed to be letting the play be brought to them. That stopped at 33:05. Senior Kristen Schmaelzle booted a beauty from 30 yards out that had a nice hook to it. Terrier goalie Allison Parrish didn't have a chance. It was 1-1.

AHS then turned up the heat, which wasn't a bad idea on a cold October night. Junior forward Courtney Hyland, who has fine speed, went on the attack. She took a feed from Schmaelzle and busted in on the Terrier net. It was a good effort. Hyland's goal at 31:50 put the Brownies up, 2-1.

West Side, in the face of a furious Agawam offense, seemed to crawl into a hole. For over six minutes they were walking on their heels. That changed at 25:15 as Heather Klorer took a feed from Samantha Samburg and beat Troie from 10 yards out. It was now 2-2.

Perhaps the prettiest goal came at 22:10. Junior forward Sue DeFilipi, who hustles at all times, saw an air ball heading towards the Terrier net. It was too slow to be a score. She changed all that with a beautiful dead-on header from five yards out that easily beat Parrish. AHS now led, 3-2.

That advantage didn't last long. Klorer scored her second of the night at 17:51 to deadlock things at three-all. About 90 seconds later, Klorer threw a scare into the Brownie faithful as she broke in all alone on the AHS goal from the right

side.

She had the angle on Troie. But fortunately for AHS, the shot was just wide left. The teams then settled down to some serious bootball, perhaps saving their energy for a last minute push.

A serious push did come at 8:35 as that gal again, Klorer, for the third time in the half, managed to break in clean on the right side of the AHS goal. Her shot was right on. Troie, extending gracefully, gathered it up. The exciting and well-played first half ended in 3-3 gridlock.

Troie To The Rescue

The start of the second half saw both clubs back off a bit to size each other up. It was like two boxers who'd beaten the heck out of each other for 10 rounds but still had two big rounds to go.

At 18:34, Troie delivered one of the night's most memorable plays. The Terriers almost had a clean breakaway. Klorer was streaking down the center of the pitch. Defender Danielle Distefano, a junior, was tracking her but a step behind. Troie saw the problem.

Without hesitation, she slid to her knees and deflected the shot, enabling Distefano to clear the ball. That incident had the crowd buzzing.

At 17:02, the crowd really got a buzz on, compliments of DeFilipi. Schmaelzle fed her a bouncer. Showing fine control, DeFilipi juggled the ball on her foot and slid it past Parrish. It was her second goal of the game. It was Schmaelzle's second assist to go with her first half score. Agawam led, 4-3. And that's the way it would stand.

There were more memorable moments as the clock wound down. Troie came 20 yards out of goal to stuff another Terrier rush; the Agawam defense stood tall as it smelled the upset win against a desperate West Side attack.

At 1:30, West Side frantically swarmed around Troie. She was on the ground, knocked down by a savage shot, and her defense were around the goalmouth kicking away Terrier shots. Every Brownie was up to the challenge. There were not enough game balls for this one.

Heaps Of Praise

In the afterglow of it all, AHS Coach Bill O'Brien, who can at times be critical of his troops, had nothing but praise for them. He mentioned some of the standouts - senior left-halfback Deanna Knodler, "who kept the ball at net all night long."

Also, senior right-halfback Brooke Hollister, "who just kept pressuring all night long."

He also had praise for all four of his backs - Schmaelzle, Alison Reseigne, Distefano, and Shauna Nacewicz. Also getting plenty of attention from O'Brien were freshman forward Kristen Patterson and Hyland, another forward. "They worked the ball well together," he said.

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Tigers Derail AHS Home Opener In 13-8 Verdict

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It should have come as no surprise that Agawam High might suffer a letdown after its emotional, 7-0 win over Holyoke High the week before in the AA Conference opener.

Last Friday night, against unbeaten South Hadley, the Brownies did suffer that letdown before a disappointed partisan crowd at Harmon Smith Field. And that letdown was enough for a 13-8 loss to the Tigers. The Brownies committed five turnovers which didn't help, either.

Afterwards, disappointed AHS Coach Dean Vecchiarelli said simply, "We didn't play well." That about summed up Agawam's evening. The locals are now 2-2 while the Tigers moved to 4-0 and head for their Suburban League schedule. The Brownies now face Westfield at home on Friday night. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

Tigers' Plan Was Evident

The Tigers' plan for this one was evident from the start - use a lot of misdirection stuff on the bigger Brownie defense and try like the dickens to stop star running back Jason Votzak.

Both strategies worked - just enough.

For a few minutes in the first quarter, and for a few heart-pounding moments in the second quarter, first year South Hadley Coach Steve Dubilo might have had his doubts.

First, on the Brownies' opening possession on their own 10, Votzak gained 25 yards on four carries, perhaps previewing what might be coming. But the AHS drive fizzled, allowing Dubilo to breathe a bit easier.

He became more at ease, no doubt, when Votzak coughed it up at the Tigers' 22 on the first play of the second quarter. That miscue enabled his guys to use 12 plays to get their first score - a four-yard run off right tackle by 5'9", 190-pound junior running back Dan Bokaniewicz. The PAT made it 7-0, Tigers.

The visitors quickly saw their hardfought lead slip away. On Agawam's next possession Votzak (17 carries, 128 yards) did what he does best - bust the big one.

On first and 20 at his own 39, Votzak got the ball, sprinted left, and the footrace was on. It was one the defensive backs would lose. Six second and 61 yards later, he crossed the goal line. It was his fifth touchdown of a season that is rapidly becoming another outstanding one for him, despite the loss.

The two-point conversion came to fruition on a nifty pass play from Dave Curley to tight end Bryan Menard. It was 8-7 Agawam, and that's how the half ended.

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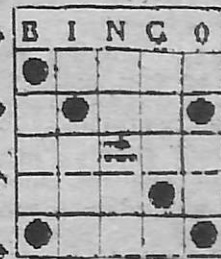
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JV/Freshman Sports Roundup At Agawam High

by Brian Colby
Advertiser News Correspondent

JV FOOTBALL

Agawam's junior varsity football team did what the big boys on varsity couldn't do last week by defeating South Hadley in a 20-6 romp!

The JV's played well as quarterback **Mike Lauro** completed two touchdown passes to **Phil McGeoghan** for points, and Phil also converted on a 20-yard TD run off a reverse.

Defensively, **Andy Markowsky** came up with some big hits, as did linebacker **Jeff Blews** and corner **Kevin Perrault**.

JV's next game is Monday against Westfield.

JV GIRLS' SOCCER

The junior varsity girls' soccer team has been busy demolishing opponents such as Westfield (2-0), Wahconah (2-0), West Side (2-1), and Longmeadow (2-0). Their record now stands at a lofty 10-1!

Shannon Beaudry, **Amy Mastrianni**, **Erin Deforier**, and **Jen Chagnon** have been putting the points on the board for Agawam, while **Kara McDade** and **Katie Reynolds** have led the impenetrable defense. Also, goalie **Kelly Grover** has been playing well for the Agawam effort.

Upcoming for Agawam are Chicopee Comp, Holyoke, and West Side this week.

JV FIELD HOCKEY

This past week, the junior varsity field hockey team tied a good Southampton team and beat an even better Amherst team. Their overall record now stands at 4-2-3.

Catherine Willis and **Kara Gimache** have been good all around for Agawam, while **Shannon Netopski** and **Jessica Perry** have been strong for the offense, and goalie **Andrea Nolan** has supplied some key defensive plays for the team.

JV BOYS' SOCCER

The Agawam junior varsity boys' soccer team has spent the last week on the practice field, as their last game was against Minnechaug last week, where they lost 4-1.

The highlight of the game for Agawam was the scoring of **Jaimie Pliska** (fifth goal of the season).

FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

The freshmen football team played a tough Chicopee team and was only able to pull off a 6-6 tie. **Andy St. Jean** was able to score Agawam's only points on a two-yard dive play into the end zone.

Defensively, outside linebacker **Norm Gagne** played the option well, and lineman **George Graves** came up with some big tackles to keep Agawam in it.

"Defense played well, but we have to get the offense working better," said captain **Ryan Wilson**.

The freshmen take on Westfield on Friday.

FRESHMEN BOYS' SOCCER

The freshmen boys' soccer squad only had one game last week as they defeated Pathfinder High School, 2-0.

Jack Biscoe and **Kevin McKay** each had a goal, and **Mike Beaudry** also helped out with some assists.

Ryan Progulske played some great defense, and **Lee Kunkler** came up with some big saves in the net.

Upcoming this week for the team are Central, J.F.K., and Pathfinder again.

FRESHMEN GIRLS' SOCCER

The frosh girls had a busy past week as they tied Longmeadow (0-0), but then defeated Westfield (5-0), Amherst (6-0), and West Side (1-0). Their overall record now stands at 8-2-1.

The shutout defense has been led by fullback **Nancy Rackliffe** and halfback **Julie LaFlamme**.

Cheryl Lanier has been a strong all-around player, and **Jenn Buendo** and **Jessica Roy** have been stunning on offense.

The frosh have a big game against Central coming up this week.

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The second half saw the SHS defense step forward, much as the AHS defenders did the previous week against Holyoke. The home folks got first possession. The defenders stopped them cold at the Agawam 39 on a third and two play.

Defense Rose To The Occasion

Seeing defense rise to the occasion seemed to pump-up the SHS offense. Taking the Brownies punt on their own 43, the visitors began their second lengthy drive of the evening. They brought it down to the Brownie 20.

A personal foul on the locals helped the cause, spotting the ball on the five yard line. Senior quarterback **Matt Desautels** took it in from there. It stood at 13-8, SHS, after the two-point conver-

sion fail.

On Agawam's next possession, **Curley** threw an interception. (He was picked off four times in all that night.) But SHS fumbled the ball back on the next play.

The aroused Tigers' defense saw to it that the Brownies could no little with their good fortunes. On a critical fourth and three at the Tigers' 40, and with time running out, they stacked up **Votzakis**.

Both teams traded the ball. It finally came down to 52 seconds left. AHS had the ball at its own 40. **Curley** faded to pass on second and 10. **Dan Bokaniewicz** picked it off in what was perhaps the biggest play of the game.

The frustrated Brownies, out of timeouts, could only watch as the Tigers sat on the ball and took home across the river a 13-8 verdict.

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And of course, there was **Troie**, just a sophomore. O'Brien had but two words for this kid - "She's outstanding."

AHS, who outshot the Terriers, goes to 6-4-1 at presstime. West Side is 7-2-1. This was a Coombs Division contest, so the win was that much sweeter for the Brownies.

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AHS Scores Field Hockey Victory

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High School's girls' field hockey team gets no respect. So they try harder. Sometimes their efforts end in disaster. After all, they're young. Any team that loses 14 players to graduation is going to have problems.

But on occasion, they show the promise of promising youth. So it was Tuesday afternoon (October 11th), when they took on Minnechaug in a Southern Division matchup. Both teams were essentially equal. Agawam's record coming in was 3-5-3. Minnechaug was 2-1-5. Both teams shared inexperience. But Agawam wanted this one more.

The Brownies started it off on a positive note. Senior forward Sarah Lali, displaying a power game, scored the first goal off an assist by senior halfback Lauren Seymour at 2:15. As it usually seems to be in field hockey, both teams are forever jousting for position.

That's exactly what they began doing. There were no shots or good scoring opportunities for a good 15 minutes. Then at 19:20, Agawam was suddenly on the Falcon net. Minnechaug goalie, junior Emily Binnf (with some fine help from her defense), made two excellent saves and the Falcons cleared the ball. All the while, Minnechaug was playing good midfield defense.

Minnechaug broke in on the Brownie goal at 18:30. There was a swirl of sticks and bodies along with a lot of kicked-up dust. But no one could miss junior goalkeeper Kirsten Decoteau as she journeyed a good 10 yards from her net to stuff the Falcons' threat.

With eight minutes to go, Agawam attacked behind their fine brace of junior forwards, Erica Pratt and Becky Wing. They went into the teeth of the Minnechaug defense but couldn't dish off to their halfbacks. The first half ended with Agawam on the attack. They had a 1-0 lead to show for their persistence.

Starting Out Fast In The Second Half

Both teams started out fast in the second half. Agawam was faster, advancing the ball with nice, crisp passes born out of good anticipation. With four minutes and 15 seconds gone, they seemed to have everyone around the Falcon net. It paid off as senior halfback Katie LaBreck slammed it on the left side. Agawam now led, 2-0.

The Brownies' tough sophomore forward, Jill Pavelcsyk, started a determined drive at 6:10 of the period. Minnechaug choked it off. Farah Lalli and junior linemate Gina Cincotta stopped the Falcons at midfield with some good ball-hawking. They brought it down for a promising corner shot that ended up no good. The inspired Brownie offense wasn't allowing Minnechaug any breathing room.

Finally, on a desperation shot, they slammed it out of their zone and upfield. They got a corner shot at 9:50. But they blew it big time. Agawam pounced on this miscue and took it downfield once more. Minnechaug tried desperately to regroup on defense at 11:29 of the period.

The Brownies were all over the Falcon net like ants on honey. Once again, Minnechaug just tried to blast it out of their zone with a big stick hit. It was stopped dead in the water at midfield by freshman defender Christine Mazeika (who'd been brought up from the J.V. squad for this game by Brownie coach Cindy Grieve). That stop sent the Brownies back on the attack, thus saving precious energy on defense and—with the time factor—putting more pressure on the Falcon offense to score.

Minnechaug tried to finesse pass their way out of that jam at 14:40 of the period. But that didn't work either, as sophomore Amy Bilodeau intercepted one of those passes and sent it back towards the Falcons goal. At this point, Minnechaug was taking one step forward and two steps backwards, all the time wasting dearly needed offensive time.

"Frantic" Field Hockey

With 15 minutes gone in the half, it was frantic end-to-end field hockey. It's amazing how fast some people can propel a little white ball over a grass field. With four minutes and 20 seconds to go, the Falcons' sophomore forward, Christine Pavia, put one past Decoteau. It became tight at 2-1, Brownies. But the way they'd been playing, not to worry.

Like all teams in the hole and staring upwards, Minnechaug put on one last big rush. The Brownies saw it coming and coolly defused the Falcon drive. Minnechaug was spinning their wheels when the clock ran out. The Brownies came away with a nice 2-1 victory.

Agawam coach Cindy Grieve credited this one to adhering to what they do everyday in practice: "We were thinking. We were passing." She added that "preparation is everything for this young team." She was impressed by the play of the freshman, Mazeika, whom she'd just brought up. She also praised the leadership of junior goalie Kirsten Decoteau.

It was a good psychological win for the Brownie field hockey team. It took some of the frustration away from some of their earlier season defeats.

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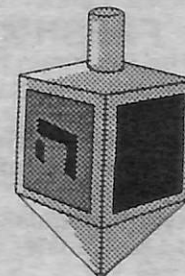
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Schoolboy Soccer...

Brownies Allow Central To Escape With 2-2 Tie

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Central High School invaded Harmon A. Smith Field on Tuesday, October 11th, to play the Brownies in men's soccer. Central is a fast team that stresses ball control.

Agawam, suffering through a disappointing season so far, desperately needed a win in this game to maintain any hopes of a playoff berth. Agawam started off doing what coach Dwight Northrup feels they have to do to win; pass short and crisp and get away from the compulsion to play boot ball.

Central knew that and used their midfielders (senior Rich Miranda and junior Corey Conway) to disrupt that strategy. It seemed to pay off as the Golden Eagles got the game's first score off the foot of senior forward John Selden. It was 1-0 Central.

The Brownie offense still stuck to their game plan, working it down the field on good lead passes. Junior midfielder Jim Baldyga led the way, spotting his halfbacks and feeding them as they rushed the Central net. The determined work paid off with a goal by junior forward Chris

Chechile, tying it up at one-all. That's how it stood at the half. But Northrup wasn't happy; his team had many more shots on goal than Central.

Agawam came out in the second half and began to work the ball again. Central was still determined to thwart that ball control strategy. At 16:01, Central had a good chance at a goal on a slant move by senior fullback John Reed. But the shot was off-target. Then at 14:40, senior midfielder Rich Miranda split the Brownie defense and put the Golden Eagles up, 2-1.

Brownies Mount A Drive

Agawam, getting a little desperate and more than a little frustrated, tried to mount a drive. They had a potential goal hit the crossbar and a missed header that would have been right on net. They continued to pepper the Central goal throughout the waning minutes of the half.

They were really running out of time when, with

32 seconds left, they were awarded a direct kick. Senior sweeper Todd Boskiewicz booted it from the right side. Chechile got the ball in front of the Golden Eagle net and drove it home for his second goal of the game and a two-all tie. That's how it ended.

Despite the come-from-behind tie, Northrup wasn't pleased. All he had to do was look at the stat sheet to see that his club had outshot Central 30-10. He admitted he'd take the tie, but there was no excuse for it.

He also noted, "We're running out of time," referring to their playoff chances. They're 2-5-2 overall and 1-1 in the Moriarty Division. They can't afford any more losses or pressure-filled, come-from-behind ties.

Northrup feels they must take their game up to another level. And to do that he stressed, "Shooting, shooting, and more shooting."

School Football Preview...

Westfield Next Foe
For AHS Footballby Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam football coach Dean Vecchiarelli took time out on Tuesday (October 11th) to assess the Brownies' next football opponent—the Bombers of Westfield.

He noted one interesting aspect: "They run the wing T." That's not really a common offense anymore, with most teams running out of the "I" formation. Vecchiarelli is impressed with their outstanding tailback—5'11", 175-pound Greg Bevilacqua.

"Greg's finest asset is his speed," he stated. "A quality like that always spells problems for any defense." The Bombers also like to throw to him in an attempt to get him one-on-one with a linebacker or defensive back. It's usually no contest after that.

They didn't throw much to him, however, in last week's 10-6 win over Longmeadow. They really didn't have to. Greg ran for 165 yards, including a 27-yard T.D. tour.

"They're as big as we are, especially on the offensive and defensive lines," the coach noted. He's right on there. Consider, if you will, senior defensive tackle Ben Hallmark. He's 6'6" and 330 pounds. That's legitimate pro size.

"We've had some great games over the last 10 years," Vecchiarelli said with a smile. He recalled 1986: "They were a tough team, undefeated. And we beat them, 21-0." Then there was 1987: "We were having a great year and they tied us 13 all. We ended up 8-1-1." The two teams tied at 14 all last year.

Then he considered how to beat the Bombers: "We have to make sure we do the stuff we didn't do last week against South Hadley." He stressed keeping drives alive.

Vecchiarelli remarked, "We also have to hurt them with more than just one player. We have to mix it up, disperse the ball." Perhaps that's why they've been working so hard all week on their passing game.

The defensive aspect of this game doesn't worry him. "We'll play like we always do in that department ... tough and physical." He has a good point there. Except for the 38 points they gave up to Northampton in the season opener, they've given up six, zero, and 13 points in their last three.

Agawam has one injury problem—6', 200-pound senior guard Matt Christy is day-to-day.

This is a Double A Conference game, so a Brownie win would be even more important. Their conference record is 1-0, 2-2 overall. The 2-2 Bombers will be in town Friday night, October 14th. Game time at Harmon A. Smith Field is 7:00 p.m.

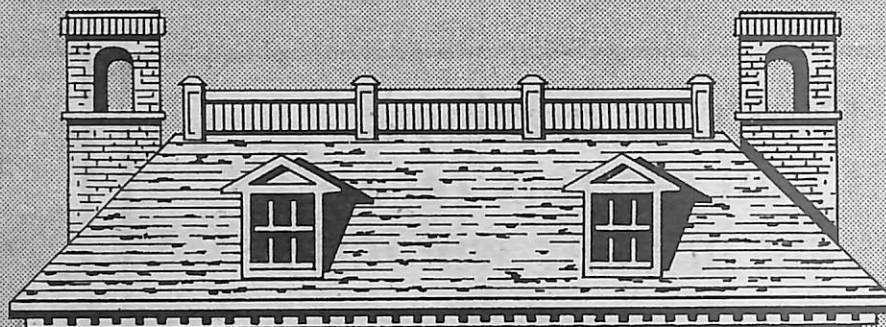
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Agawam Youth Football Teams Bedeviled By Northampton Teams

It was a beautiful autumn evening as the junior football teams took the field. Agawam's Brian Pedersen recovered a Northampton fumble on the opening kickoff. However, the Warriors were unable to capitalize on the turnover.

The Northampton Blue Devils scored first. Their powerful running attack scored again and the conversion was successful. Agawam's Brian Menard and Andy Siana recovered two more Northampton fumbles in the second quarter. The Blue Devils' third touchdown made it 22-0 at the half.

The Warriors came alive in the second half. Jesse Kelleher broke through the Blue Devil defense for 17 yards. Brian Santinello rushed for 30 yards down to the Northampton one yard line. Jesse Kelleher scored on the next play, and Ryan Lottermoser ran for the two-point conversion.

Northampton's runner, Rafael Martinez, scored two more touchdowns, and John Larankowski added a conversion in the second half. A brilliant 35-yard run by John Slachetka put six more points on the scoreboard for Agawam. Jeremy Musa ran for the two extra points.

The hard-fought second half ended with a 36-16 Northampton win. Brian Santinello was the leading Warrior rusher with 46 yards. He was followed by John Slachetka, Jesse Kelleher, Joel Lancour, Mike Locke, Peter Forastiere, and Jeremy Musa.

Andy Siana and Jesse Kelleher led the defense with four tackles apiece. Other outstanding tacklers were Ryan Lottermoser, Brian Santinello, Matt Dion, Bill Menard, Dave Pashek, Mike Bonesteel, Jeff Robinson, and Joe Prova.

The Agawam seniors played another great game. Agawam's Eric Preston recovered a Northampton fumble in the first quarter. Quarterback Brian St. Jean moved the offense along with passes to Bob Fuller and Vinny Buoniconti.

Jim Dziedzina, Matt Slattery, Ryan Drobot, and Brian St. Jean rushed for good yardage in the first half. Northampton drives were stopped dead in

their tracks by an interception by Jim Dziedzina, a quarterback sack by Matt Slattery, and a pass battered down in the backfield by linebacker Bob Fuller.

The first half ended in a scoreless tie. Northampton scored on a long touchdown run in the second half. The Agawam Warriors turned back the conversion attempt. Matt Slattery got his second quarterback sack on the next Northampton drive.

Jerry Graves recovered a Northampton fumble. The Agawam offense drove all the way to the Northampton four yard line. Vinny Buoniconti's rushing added to the Agawam running attack. In the second half, however, this late fourth-quarter, goal-line drive came up short and they lost to the Northampton Blue Devils 6-0.

Agawam's Jim Dziedzina was the leading rusher and receiver for the day. Bob Fuller and Matt Slattery were the second-leading receiver and runner (respectively) for Agawam.

Leading the tenacious Agawam defense on tackles was Eric Preston with five. He was followed by Jim Dziedzina, Matt Slattery, Brian Gallagher, Mike Martin, Jerry Graves, Mark Pedraza, Vin Buoniconti, Sean Biebel, Bob Fuller, Russ Smith, Wayne Paradysz, and Rob Liard.

Week in and week out, this defense has proven to be one of the best in the league. Meanwhile, Donna Bodurtha's and Sheryl Fleming's Agawam junior and senior cheerleading squads provided excellent halftime shows once again.

The next home game is this Sunday, October 16th, against the Holyoke Knights. Please come out and support your local players and cheerleaders.

Here is the remaining 1994 schedule for the Agawam Youth Football teams:

- * Sunday, October 16th: Holyoke (home).
- * Sunday, October 23rd: Northampton (home).
- * Sunday, October 30th: Westfield (away).

Sports Of The 90's... There's More To Sports Than Winning

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

"Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing."

I don't remember who said those immortal lines, or if they were really ever said at all. Maybe it was Vince Lombardi. That seems like a pretty narrow view of sports.

As any of us who have ever participated in the games of our times know, winning can't be the only thing. It doesn't happen all the time. And since it doesn't, are those that lose paranoid? Bad people? Underachievers? Suicidal? Homicidal? I hope not. I think not.

Always that Mode of Doubt

Most of us were trained to go into the game expecting not to lose. But in that tiny chamber way back in the mind, there is always that mode of doubt - sitting there like a dark crow on a power line.

"Well, I suppose it's possible that I might go belly up." It's a consideration of all rational people.

Here's an example. Suppose you were suddenly signed up to fight Mike Tyson in his jail cell at whatever state penn. he's currently attending and you couldn't refuse? Would you go in there thinking you couldn't lose? Yes, if you were insane.

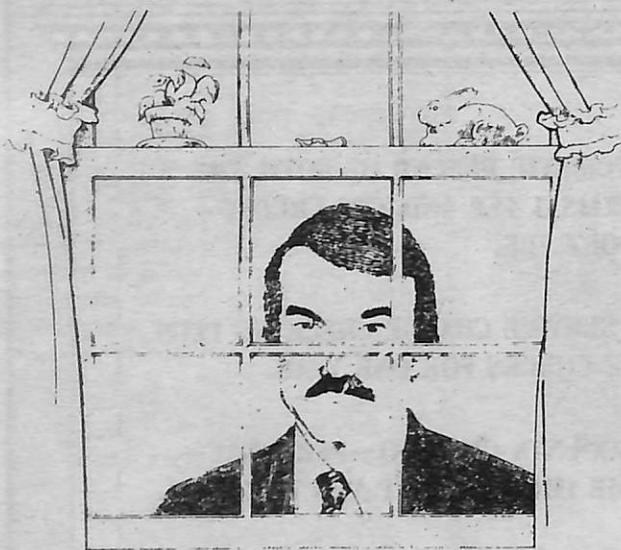
So, winning can't be the only thing. It's a nice thing. It's preferable to losing. But there is infinitely more to competition than winning. I don't suppose many of us ever stop to think about that when we're whipping up big on some hapless opponent. After all, we're doing the "only thing"; we're winning.

I think losers are much more reflective and less pragmatic. When we lose, we tend to think on a more esoteric level. Losing builds character. Losing helps us face adversity. Losing makes winning all that much sweeter. Losing makes you realize what you did to lose. The aforementioned observations may sound a bit facetious. But they're not. Losing teaches us how to win.

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Basketball Great Bill Walton To Address Spfld. Public Forum

The Springfield Public Forum Series will bring basketball great Bill Walton to Springfield Symphony Hall on Tuesday evening, October 18, 1994 with a talk entitled "Ethics in Sports Today." In response to public request, all 1994 lectures will commence at 7:30 p.m. rather than the traditional 8:00 p.m. hour. Ample parking will be available in the garage under I-91 South.

The event is open to the public without charge and is being co-sponsored by Springfield's Peachbasket Classic/Starter Tipoff. James F. Martin, President of the Tipoff Committee, will preside.

The name Bill Walton is associated with a fiery young man who led UCLA to two NCAA championship titles and with the dynamic professional athlete who played a powerful role on two NBA championship teams, the Portland Trailblazers and the Boston Celtics. Today, he is recognized as a speaker with a message, as a writer, and as a respected television sports analyst.

A two-time recipient of the All-American High School title, Walton entered UCLA in 1970 as a 6'11" tall student determined to learn as well as excel on the basketball court. He earned the Academic All-American title three years in a row, a honor he duplicated as the three-time recipient of the UCLA MVP Award. He brought honor to the team as winner of the NCAA Player of the Year Award as well as NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player for two years.

Walton's professional career brought further accolades as a player with the Portland Trailblazers (1974-78), the San Diego Clippers (1979-86), and the Boston Celtics (1985-87). He received the NBA MVP Award for the 1977 season and the playoffs, the NBA All-Star Team nomination in 1977 and 1978, as well as the NBA Sixth Man Award. During his illustrious career, he garnered 17 *Sports Illustrated* covers, and in 1993, he was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

However, Walton's professional career also brought pain and frustration. He spent most of the 1978-79 season to the 1982-83 season sitting on the bench with an injured foot. When most thought his career was over, he was determined to prove them wrong and instigated a trade from the Clippers to the Celtics and became a vital member of their 1986 championship team.

One last foot injury ended his playing career and almost ended his ability to walk. After numerous surgeries and endless physical therapy, Walton not only walks but he also remains active in basketball through coaching and broadcast commentary.

A CBS Sports analyst, Walton is a contributor to the Roy Finestone program *Up Close*, as well as an analyst and host for various sports shows. He plays yet another important role as a single father to four sons.

Walton's book, *Nothing but Net*, was published earlier this year.

Ag. Rec. Dept. Has Fall Programs

The Agawam Recreation Department will be sponsoring the following programs this fall:

HIGH SCHOOL—OPEN GYM

Adult open gym at the Agawam High School will resume on Monday evenings beginning October 17th. The hours will be 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and the session will run through November 21, 1994.

Beginning Monday, November 28th, through December 19th, the hours will be 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The charge is \$2 per person (pay the supervisor at the door). **Town residents only!**

RECREATION OPEN SWIM

The pool at the Agawam Junior High is open for public swim on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. through December 12, 1994. It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or pool area. **Lifeguard will be on duty.**

No cut-offs or disposable diapers will be allowed. All children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Charge: \$2 per person (children under six are free).

ROLLINS - from Page 46...

Top Level Gets Paid To Win

Let's go to the top level of sports to the guys who get paid to win. Have you ever heard a pro coach or player say, "We've got to learn how to lose?" No way.

Losing is inherent in all of us. It's a combination of stupidity, lack of imagination, bad breaks, rotten luck, biting off more than we can chew, lack of talent, a bad hair day, etc. Yet all of those ugly things do the one thing that the pros talk about - they help us to learn how to win.

We're cumulative creatures. None of us ever came into the world with "Superman" or "Wonder Woman" tattooed across our butts. We learn by failure, by getting our butts kicked time and again.

Then, one day, if we've paid attention to all of the down side and benefitted from it, we finally get the picture. Then we have the ability to win. The work towards winning is really the only thing.

Because in our time here on Earth, we'll lose more than win; not just in athletic competition, but life in general. Winning is just the frosting of a much tastier cake.

So maybe that little ditty should be altered just a bit: "Winning isn't everything. Learning how to win is the sweetest thing."

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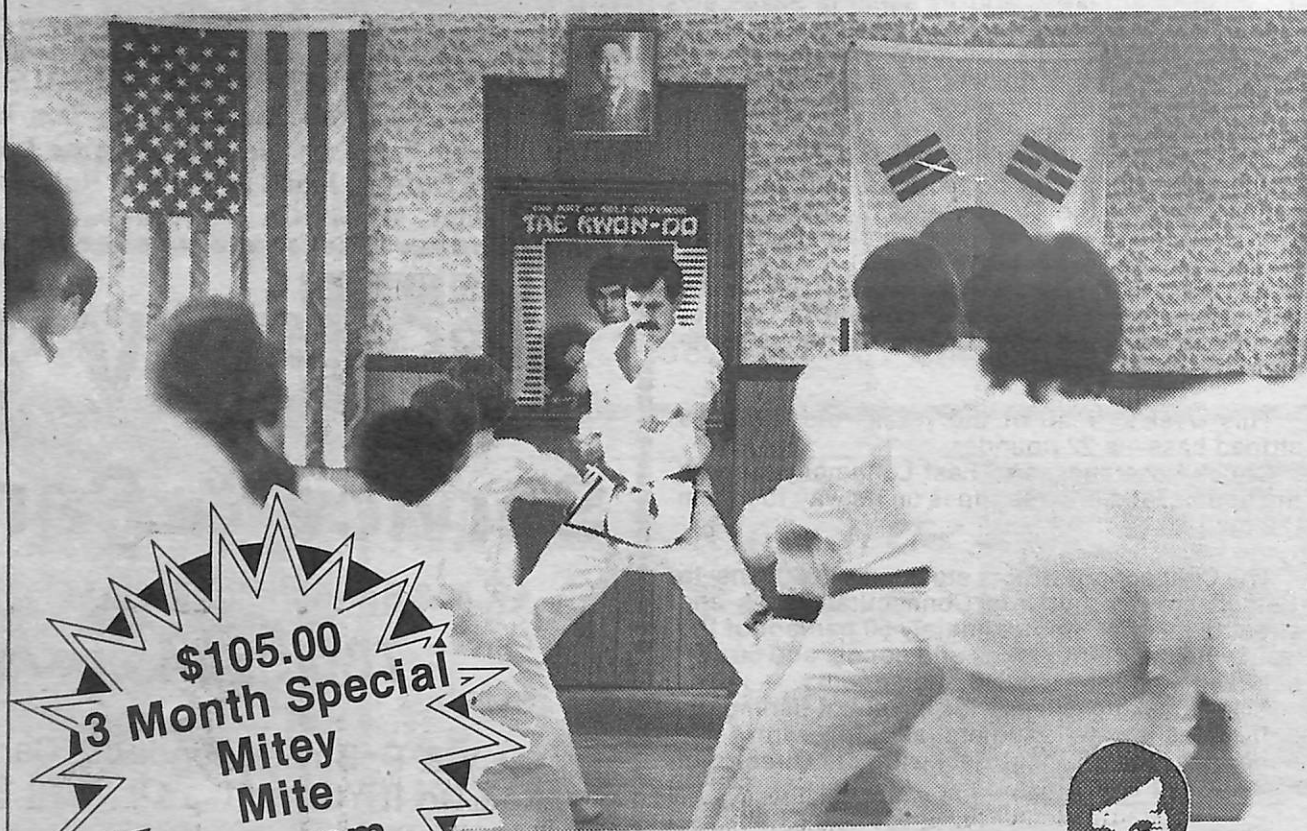
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Items Of Interest For Hunters & Fishermen

Ted Leal is at it again! He took a spiked-horn deer with the bow and arrow in Connecticut.

The deer weighed 112 pounds (dressed). It is in his freezer already, and Ted is out looking for another one. A bowman can take four deer in Connecticut this year.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission recently voted to repeal the rule which, for years, has required archers to put their names and addresses on their hunting arrows.

The ruling followed a public hearing held in July to consider changing the rule to allow archers a choice of using their name or their current hunting license number to identify their arrows. Testimony given at that hearing and at the Commission's August meeting indicated that hunters and landowners felt there was no need for arrows to carry identification.

Sandra Falicon, rules coordinator for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, says the repeal of this rule became effective September 20th and, thus, there is no longer any need for hunters to mark their arrows.

Archers are urged, however, to make every effort to retrieve arrows that may land in pastures or hayfields where they might cause injury to farm animals or damage to farm vehicles.

Captain Brad Glas, of the Hel-Cat II out of Groton, Connecticut, reports another terrific week of fishing both in-shore and off-shore for the ball and blues. The only real change this week was an increase in bass activity on the weekday trips compared with last week.

Off-shore, the alligator blues are still firmly in control of the grounds. Once in a while, they let their guard down enough for a few cod to get through or they get into a little trouble with a shark (either a big blue or mako) cruising around the boat.

The captain would like to remind people that the mainstream press and TV seem to have confused quite a few people with their poor reporting concerning the closure to commercial fishing for bluefish. The closing has nothing to do with party and charter boats; it affects ONLY commercial landings of this species.

The captain was able to get some of the newspapers to make corrections, but when it came to one of the TV stations, the person who answered the phone in the newsroom said, "Oh, we don't make corrections!"

The closure has NO EFFECT on the day-to-day operations of boats like the Hel-Cat II. For passengers on party or charter boats, the rules remain the same as before.

This week's "Fish of the Week" did it with a striped bass—a 22-pounder.

Chuck Kaselouskas of East Longmeadow took the honors, and his free trip is on its way to him in the mail.

The Connecticut DEP is stocking 47,000 nine- to 12-inch brown trout into Connecticut lakes and streams this fall. Approximately 50 percent of the trout will be put into lakes and ponds, and 50 percent will be put into rivers and streams.

"This stocking will provide excellent fishing opportunities for fall anglers and for winter ice fishermen," said Ernest Beckwith, Jr., Director of Fisheries at the DEP.

To insure that the salmon return will be realized at the Deerfield River's Salmon Falls, this goal was part of a \$27 million agreement that has just been signed between 12 public and private environmental groups and the New England Power Company.

Ronald E. Lambertson, regional director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, was on hand for the signing earlier this week and said the agreement will mean restoring Atlantic salmon to the river.

"This will mean our children and our grandchildren will be able to see and catch the salmon in large numbers," said Lambertson.

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The Harlem Globetrotters At Casa Di Lisa



ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, Agawam residents had a chance to meet the Harlem Globetrotters at a Golf Tournament Banquet at Casa Di Lisa Ristorante. Standing (back row): Tim Burkhardt, Robert Bruno, Billy-Ray Hobley, Ray Williams, Reggie Harrison, Lisa Bruno, Osborne Lockhart, and Randy Smith. Front row (kneeling): Kevin Mack, Ovie Dotson, Brad Theriaque, and Reggie Perkins. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM RESIDENTS WERE ANXIOUS to have their picture taken with the Harlem Globetrotters. Back row: Kevin Mack, Tim Buckhart, Billy-Ray Hobley, Reggie Harrison, Ray Williams, Frank Bruno, Jr., Osborne Lockhart, and Randy Smith. Front row: Robert Bruno, Ovie Dotson, Frank Bruno, Sr. (owner of Casa Di Lisa Ristorante), Karen Ayers, and Reggie Perkins. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AT A GOLF TOURNAMENT BANQUET held at Casa Di Lisa Ristorante on October 4th, Frank Bruno, Sr. (front row, center), owner of Casa Di Lisa, demonstrates his "basketball form" in front of the visiting Harlem Globetrotters and Agawam residents on hand for the banquet. Back row: Billy-Ray Hobley, Chris Catjakis, Reggie Harrison, Robert Bruno, and Randy Smith. Front row: Ovie Dotson and Reggie Perkins flank Casa Di Lisa's ball-carrying owner. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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RICH TETTIMER (center), TV-22 Sportcaster, had a chance to chat with members of the renowned basketball team: Ovie Dotson, Reggie Harrison, Ray Williams, Billy-Ray Hobley, and Reggie Perkins. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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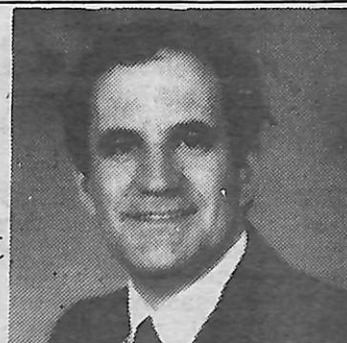
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Riverside Speedway Breaks Attendance Record In '94

Ben Dodge, Jr., Director of NASCAR Auto Racing, has done it again. Riverside Speedway, one of NASCAR's most successful short tracks, has broken another record ... and this record is the second in less than 30 days, after the announcement of the highest attendance since 1987 for paid adults. For 1994, the amazing number with one event left is 158,193 paid adults for speedway race events.

Still, the second big announcement comes with even more amazement for the competitors in all NASCAR Winston Racing Series divisions. Ben Dodge has raised \$61,880.68 for the 1994 Riverside weekly divisions' Point Fund. This is an \$8,725.26 increase over last year, and it is a \$15,460.71 increase over the 1992 season.

The full amount will be distributed to the top 15 in points in all five Riverside divisions. Checks will be given out by Ben Dodge for \$61,880.68 at two Awards Banquets featuring 1,500 guests at The Oaks Grand Ballroom on November 18th and 19th.

(Limited tickets are still available for both of these banquets, but they are going fast. For reservations, call [413] 786-9300, extension 3264.)

The point breakdown and checks are real impressive for Riverside. The NASCAR Modified Tour Division will receive \$28,161.69. Chris Kopec, the Winston Racing Series Champion, will receive \$7,767.80. Second-place Dan Avery will receive \$4,483.90; third, Steve Park, \$3,035.53; fourth, Reggie Ruggiero, \$2,487.12; and fifth, Brian Schofield, \$2,038.73.

The entire top 15 receive point money. Brian Miller finished 15th and will receive \$595.97, with the top 10 drivers and owners receiving awards in addition to checks.

The Pro Stock Point Fund totals \$15,825.44. Dave Caruso has won his second Pro Stock title and will receive \$3,204.60 for the Championship. Tom Carey will receive \$1,902 for his second-place finish, followed by John Lobo with \$1,957.07 for third; fourth, Tom Fearn, \$1,511.84; and Barry Gray is fifth with \$1,616.61.

The rest of the top 15 will receive point checks, which bring the total in excess of \$15,000. Rick Turcotte, for example, will receive \$363.07 for his 15th-place finish.

The Late Model Point Fund totals \$12,383.55. For being the Late Model Champion at Riverside for the 1994 season, Gary Fiormonti will receive \$2,186.20; Gee Perry will get \$1,993.10 for second; third is Chuck Docherty, \$1,288.79; Glen Griswold is fourth with \$1,255.48; and fifth is Ted Chalmers, \$1,030.17.

The entire top 15 Late Model drivers will receive checks. For instance, Wayne Coury finished 15th, thereby earning \$298.27.

Imagine this—even the Strictly Stocks have a Point Fund of \$3,375. Rob Valerio, the Champion in this division, will receive \$900; Roger Fujimoto, \$475 for second; third, Chuck Alessio, \$400; fourth, Scott Neleber, \$270; and fifth, Vinny Buonocore, \$210.

Yes, even the Strictly Stocks' top 15 drivers get point checks. Larry Bouchard will get \$95 for his 15th-place showing.

The Pro 4 Modified still has one race left, but will receive a Point Fund of \$2,135. The championship battle is for \$750 between George Savary and Jerry Solomito, with the top 15 getting point money.

It all comes down to \$61,880.68 in Ben Dodge's 1994 Riverside Point Fund. Therefore, you can see why car-counts of over 150 weekly are the story at Riverside Speedway.

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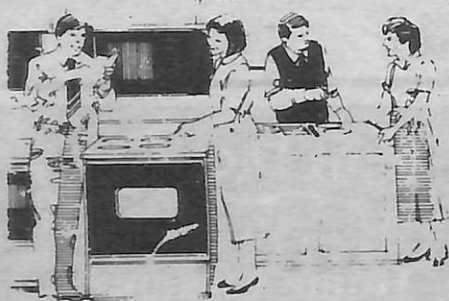
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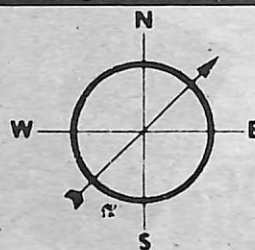
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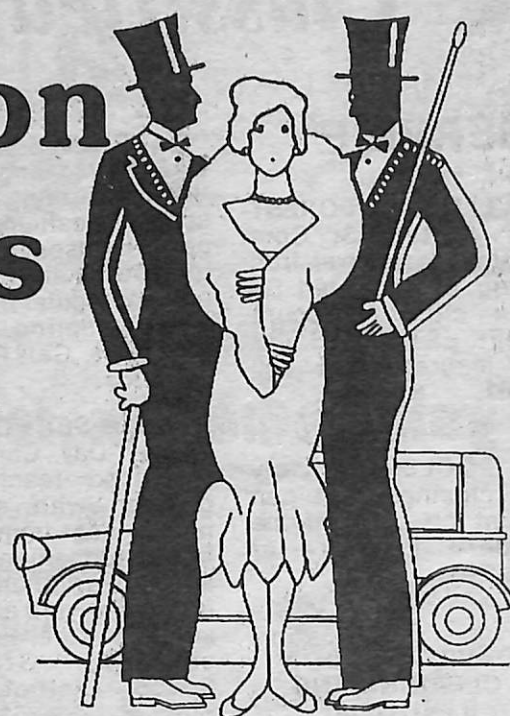
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